WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly; unsettled and mild, with rain.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds; mild, with rain.

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HONOR ADMIRAL WITH EARLDOM

New Year Honor List Rewards Viscount Jellicoe's Services to State With Promotion in Peerage

SEVEN DOMINION AND COLONIAL KNIGHTS

Ellen Terry and Millicent Fawcett Created Dames of Grand Cross Order of British Empire

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The New Year honor list probably will be voted generally as conventionally blameless. The list is notable as being devoid of political complexion, which was scarcely unexpected, seeing that the new Baldwin administration has been in office only a short time.

Viscount Jellicoe's great services to the state and his retirement have been rounded off with an earldom. The new earl has had an exceptionally brilliant career in the navy. He commanded the British Grand Fleet in the battle of Jutland, May 31, 1916. In 1920 he was appointed Governor-General of New Zealand and retired from this position only a short time ago. He was born on December 5, 1859.

Sir John Bradbury, retiring British delegate on the reparations commissions, has been elevated to the peerage.

Sir Henry Duke, president of the divorce division of the Judicature, has also been made a peer.

Marquis of Londonderry, P.C.

The Marquis of Londonderry, Minister of Education for Northern Ireland since 1920 and Under-Secretary for Air 1920-21, has been created a Privy Councillor.

Henry Bonsor, chairman of the Income Tax Committee, London; chairman of the Southeastern Railway, and a director of the Bank of England, has been created a baronet, as has Sir Charles McLeod, chairman of the Colonial Institute, and also former Chief Justice Molony, of Ireland.

Twenty-two British knighthoods have been conferred in connection with the New Year's honors. Those include knighthoods for Edmund Artist.

There are seven Dominion and Colonial knighthoods and seventeen Indian knighthoods.

Noted Women Honored

The Order of the British Empire has been brought out on this occasion solely for the adornment of women. Ellen Terry, the famous actress and Millicent Garrett Fawcett, noted social worker, have been created Dames of the Grand Cross of the British Empire. Louise Aldrich-Blake, head of the London Women's Medical School, has been created a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

A report was in circulation that Prince Henry, the third son of King George, was likely to be created a duke on New Year's, but this was improbable as the conferment of honors on members of the Royal Family invariably are reserved for the sovereign's birthday.

All-Indian Moslems Deplore Assassination Of Sirdar and Reprisals

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.—The All-Indian Moslem League adopted a resolution today deploring the recent assassination of Sir Lee Stack, the Egyptian Sirdar, but condemning the British reprisals as unwarranted, and aimed at crushing the independence of Egypt. The All-India Christian Conference, which is also in session here, is also urging the summoning of an immediate round-table conference and adopted a resolution with the view of an immediate advance in the self-government of India in order to remove "conditions encouraging anarchy."

Distress in Toronto Is Worst Known in Years

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The last day of 1924 finds distress in the city at its worst for years, according to a statement issued today by the Finance Commission. There are at present 3,776 families receiving assistance from the House of Industry, which is the highest number recorded in December for any year. During the present month 304 new families have been placed on the relief rolls.

Railroads Prepare to Issue New Tariff Rates

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—So far the railway companies have not filed new tariff rates, effective January 9 under the recent order of the Privy Council, temporarily restoring the old Crow's Nest Pass rates. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways are considering the question of issuing a new tariff book or supplement to the old one, which came into force on July 7 and was cancelled on October 27 last, on the decision of the Railway Commissioners.

Pioneer Stage Coach Driver Dead

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—Cyrus W. Barger, one of the oldest stage coach drivers in the Northwest, died here last night, aged 78. He drove stage coaches in Idaho, Oregon, British Columbia and Arizona before the advent of railroads, and later in Yosemite Valley. According to his wishes, a hearse drawn by horses will carry his remains when he is buried at Silverton, Ore. His old whip will rest in his hands.

Service Is Rewarded

VISCOUNT JELLICOE

OLD YEAR PASSES; MANY DANCERS ARE CHIEF FUN-MAKERS

New Year's eve in Victoria passed away into the place where all evenings go with much decorum in comparison to the passing of other years.

Almost everybody, judging by the huge crowds, congregated at the many public and private parties. Over a thousand danced the old year out and the new year in at the Empress Hotel, while hundreds more helped wear down polished floors at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and the Cadboro Bay Hotel. Several private parties were also held, and until well on this morning groups of merrymakers were exchanging visits.

At the churches where watch night services were held, hundreds of other people gathered and the new year was welcomed at midnight with prayer.

Patrolmen of the Victoria police department reported that the streets were unusually quiet for a New Year's Eve, but, curiously, motor car drivers seemed to be set upon by some sort of a New Year's jinx. Up to 10 o'clock it was reported that five different people had been struck by cars, and altogether the accident list up to midnight totalled in the neighborhood of twenty. None of the mishaps were serious and nobody received anything more serious than bruises.

Drivers who reported accidents to the Fugard Street station held the slippery condition of the pavements and the misty atmosphere responsible.

TO ASK BIDS FOR LIGHTS SYSTEM

NEARLY 150 MEN WORKING ON CRYSTAL GARDEN

Architects to Call for Electric Tenders—Glass Coming for Roof—Concrete Being Poured

Tenders for the electric lighting system in the Crystal Garden will shortly be called for by Messrs. Hattenhury & James, architects, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mr. Basil Gardom, superintendent of construction, western hotels, Canadian Pacific Railway, who is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

It is expected that within the course of a few days arrangements will be made through Messrs. Luney Brothers, contractors, to cover all the plumbing installation in the Crystal Garden.

The glass for the structure will be shipped from England tomorrow, Mr. Gardom said. Lord & Burnham, St. Catharines, Ont., will shortly ship from their factory the first carload of steel for the Crystal Garden roof.

In the heating and ventilating system which they plan to install, the B. F. Sturtevant Co. will make provision to clear the air of moisture which will evaporate from the swimming tank and be exuded from the plants and flowers with which the building will be decorated. Little copper members at the foot of each pane of glass will catch any moisture which condenses on the roof, thus affording a second safeguard against possible annoyance from excessive humidity. The Sturtevant firm installed the heating and ventilating system in the new Olympic Hotel, Seattle.

To Pump in Water

A sixty horsepower direct connected motor-driven pump will be installed in the Dallas Road pumphouse for the quick filling of the swimming pool. A ten horsepower pump will give a continual supply of fresh water. Filtering equipment for the salt water supply is now being ordered, Mr. Gardom said.

The Dominion Bridge Company, Winnipeg, is now fabricating large steel trusses and columns for the structure and it is expected that the first carload of these will soon be here.

One hundred and forty-seven men are now on the job, working two eight-hour shifts. Sixty men are on the night gang. Two big concrete mixers are being operated continuously, consuming about 3,000 sacks of cement daily.

Pouring of the concrete foundation will be completed by Saturday, according to the estimate of Messrs. Luney Bros.

Tuberculosis Infection

LONDON, Dec. 31.—"The dust of a carpet in a room occupied by a tuberculosis patient was collected and forty-eight guinea pigs were exposed to it. Forty-seven of them died from tuberculosis," declared Sir Robert Johns before the Institute of Public Health. "It is pathetic that a kiss from a fond parent affected with tuberculosis has often sealed the fate of a child," he said.

FINANCIAL MEN ADD TO MYSTERY

Unheralded Arrival in United States of Governor of Bank of England and Director Starts Rumors

MADE CROSSING WITHOUT TROUBLING QUID NUNCS

Washington Departments Disclaim All Knowledge of Objects of Two Prominent Bankers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—With the question of war debts already enveloped in a dense fog of conjecture and diplomatic reticence, two officials of the Bank of England have added a new first-class mystery to the picture by appearing unheralded in New York, accompanied by a flock of vari-colored rumors.

The visitors are Sir Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank, and H. Garrett Anderson, one of its directors. Important as they are in British financial life, they succeeded in crossing the Atlantic without a hint of their departure in English newspapers, and now have appeared on the horizon of official Washington as a factor whose importance can only be surmised.

Disclaim Knowledge

The State Department today disclaimed any knowledge of the visit, the Treasury followed suit, and the British Embassy insisted that its first information came from this morning's papers. Reports that the debt situation would be discussed during the presence of the two distinguished British financial authorities in the United States were met everywhere here with declarations of complete ignorance.

There are a number of interesting questions to which these visitors might address themselves, if they really hold a commission from the London Foreign Office, in regard to the debt question, as indicated in reports circulated after their arrival in financial circles here.

Takes Deep Interest

The British Government has taken a deep interest in the discussions for funding the French debt to the United States. The two capitals are in correspondence also as to the question of payment of American claims against Germany under the Dawes plan, and beyond all of these problems is the ever-present subject of a general inter-Allied debt arrangement in which all efforts to interest the United States hitherto have failed.

The suggestion that inter-Allied debts may be discussed at the forthcoming Paris conference had made that question for the moment one of immense importance to Great Britain, but the Coolidge administration has indicated that it is still loath to be drawn into such a debate.

PIERS OF ST. PAUL'S NEED REBUILDING

COMMISSION ISSUES REPORT ON CONDITION OF CATHEDRAL

Great Dome May Have to Be Taken Down—Propose £140,000 for Strengthening

LONDON, Dec. 31.—So serious has the condition of St. Paul's Cathedral become that the special commission which, for the past three years, has been considering the best method of completing the work of preservation begun a few years ago, has been considering the question of reconstructing the piers entirely—an undertaking that might involve the necessity of taking down the dome and its supports.

Would Close Cathedral

This would cost an enormous sum of money and would necessitate the closing of the greater part of the cathedral for several years, apart from the great risk of the building being seriously damaged.

The commission has just issued an interim report on the matter. It contains a recommendation to strengthen the piers at an expense of £140,000.

As to the suggested possibility of the dome and its supports having to be taken down, the commission states that this work may be left to a later generation to undertake if it becomes absolutely necessary.

Seek Health in Northern Wilds

THE PAS, Man., Dec. 31.—In search of health, and also with the keen desire to challenge the hardiest of Northern Manitoba dog mushers who participate in The Pas 200-mile nonstop derby, Miss Florence P. McIntosh and Miss Agnes W. Bacon, of Auburn, N.Y., arrived here today. They will make a long tour of the North country by dog team, and will speed over the famous long and winding trails behind the racing team of Earl Brydges and another fast racing squad.

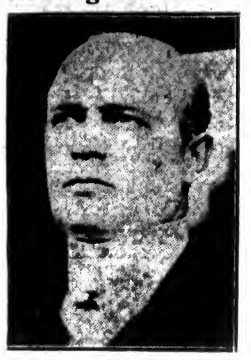
Customs Collection Decrease

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Collections from customs and excise decreased $45,000,000 during the nine months of the fiscal year ending today, when comparison is made with the corresponding period last year.

Archdeacon Bliss Succumbs

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., Dec. 31.—After an illness of nearly three years' duration, the Rev. Ven. Archdeacon Forster Bliss died at his home in Port Elmsley, near here, today, in his seventy-first year.

Seeking Re-election



MAYOR W. W. HILTZ

Of Toronto, who is seeking re-election on New Year's Day. He is being opposed by three other candidates, Thomas Foster, Harry Winberg and Thomas Fieldhouse. Mr. Foster is a Controller in Toronto's Council.

SHOOTING SHERIFF DISTURBS BAD MAN

STARWICH THREATS TO SHOOT AT SIGHT HAVE EFFECT

Wealthy Vancouver Gunman Drops His Plans to Free Prisoners—Armed Deputy Guards

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Sheriff Matt Starwich said today that the mysterious underworld emissary sent here last week from Vancouver, B.C., with $10,000 at his command to release the Nanaimo bank robber suspects from the King County jail, has returned to Vancouver.

In last Sunday's Post-Intelligencer the sheriff warned this man that he had best return to Canada to avoid unpleasantness in case they chanced to meet.

Today the sheriff explained that although he knew the man and was aware of his mission here he had not sufficient evidence to warrant his arrest, but that he had determined to shoot the visitor on sight if he came within range of the jail where the prisoners were being held.

"I know that he has gone back to Vancouver as I advised," said the sheriff. "For his sake I'm glad of it."

However, the sheriff has not relaxed vigilance at the jail. Since Sunday, it was learned, he has had Deputy Sheriff Ed Hughes posted in a small room in the jail building from which the deputy can observe, through a small port, every movement in and about the cells below him. Hughes is armed with two sawed off automatic repeating shotguns and at his hand is an electric switch. Hughes remains at his post all night.

His first move, should he perceive any offensive move on the part of the prisoners, will be to throw the electric switch. This would automatically shoot the bolts in the heavy steel doors leading to the outside world, and at the same time sound gongs in the jail rooms and in the deputies' sleeping quarters in the same building as well as an alarm at police headquarters, it was said.

Vancouver Assessment And Population Grow As Well as Building

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Increase of nearly $3,500,000 in land and property values and of 3,609 in population for the year, is attested by the city assessment figures issued today. The total assessment is $211,724,565, land being valued at $126,315,440t and improvements being assessed at $85,409,125. Taxable values in the city in 1925 will total $169,019,996.50.

Building statistics for Greater Vancouver indicate that 2,032 homes were constructed during 1924, compared with 1,101 in 1923. The total value of buildings erected this year was $13,882,474, as against $9,606,641 in 1923. This year's figures exceed by nearly $10,000,000 the value of buildings constructed in 1922.

Marked Improvement Reported in Condition Of W. J. Blake Wilson

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—There was a marked improvement noted this afternoon in the condition of W. J. Blake Wilson, who has been fighting for his life against pneumonia for the past twelve days and his physicians now say that he has a fair chance for recovery. The news spread rapidly around the city and was received by thousands of Mr. Wilson's acquaintances as the best news of the old year.

Surrey Old-Timer Drops Dead

PORT KELLS, B. C., Dec. 31.—While preparing the evening meal for his invalid sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Millwell, eighty-seven, Edwin Baine, seventy-seven, an old-timer resident of Surrey, suddenly collapsed on Sunday evening and died. The Surrey police took Mrs. Millwell to the hospital in New Westminster Tuesday morning. Death was due to natural causes, according to the Surrey police.

Seattle Traffic Fatalities

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Forty-eight persons were fatally injured in Seattle traffic accidents during 1924, compared with 50 in 1923, the police traffic bureau announced today. The total number of persons injured in 1924 was 2,363, compared with 2,014 in 1923.

Church Union Vote

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—According to reports received at Church Union headquarters up to midnight, seventy-three congregations had decided in favor of Church Union and nine against.

NANAIMO CHIEF SURE OF WATSON

Police Head Is Prepared to Shoot Holes in Alibi From Every Angle as Soon as Displayed in Court

SEATTLE BAIL ASKED FOR BANDIT SUSPECT

Attorneys for Four Other Detained Men Delay Legal Proceedings—Seek Deposit Box of Schivley

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—Back in Nanaimo this afternoon, Chief of City Police Shirass and Provincial Constable Shepperd are satisfied that they have completed every link of the chain of evidence necessary to shoot the alibi of Ross Watson, alleged bank robber, to pieces. Chief Shirass says he is now certain that Watson took part in the holdup of the local branch of the Royal Bank here on December 12.

Prepare for Extradition

Tomorrow night, at eight o'clock, in the City Hall, evidence of witnesses involved in the robbery will be heard. This testimony will all be taken before Saturday night, in order that all may be in readiness for submission to the Seattle court on January 12, when extradition proceedings will be instituted. Archie M. Johnson, K.C., of Victoria, who is conducting the extradition proceedings for the British Columbia Government, will arrive here tomorrow to take the island evidence.

Chief Shirass left Tuesday morning for various points on the island, collecting testimony. At Duncan, what he considers very valuable information was secured against Watson. Here a witness was found who positively stated that he saw Watson standing alongside the Durant car, used by the bandits, while a tire was being changed. The police now have the tire and the number of it, procured from the receipt of sale at Duncan. Other valuable information was also received at Duncan, which the Chief deems best not to disclose at the present moment.

"However," he says, "We are prepared to meet Watson's alibi at every angle, now."

While recognizing the fact that it will be inconvenient for witnesses to appear on New Year's night, Chief Shirass says that the procedure is necessary and will be insisted upon. The time will be made as short as possible, and witnesses' comfort consulted. But in order to comply with the extradition proceedings, and not cause any delay when they commence in Seatetic, quick action locally is necessary, and the Nanaimo force is not leaving anything to the last minute.

Recheck Strengthens Case

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Active efforts of the Seattle police department to prove an alibi for Ross C. Watson, former city detective, that would show that he was not in Nanaimo, B.C., December 12, when the Royal Bank of Canada there was held up and robbed of $42,000, have spurred Police Chief J. Shirass, of Nanaimo, it was learned tonight, to make a complete recheck of all his witnesses.

Advices from Shirass assert that this recheck has measurably strengthened the Canadian case against all five robber suspects held in Seattle, and especially against Watson.

In again questioning the group of eye-witnesses who came to Seattle last week and identified all the suspects as having been at the bank at the time of the robbery, Shirass is said particularly to have given attention to the two who identified Watson. According to Shirass, they are positively certain of their identification.

In addition, Shirass disclosed, he has discovered one other heretofore unknown witness who also identified Watson from a photograph.

Alibi Testimony Weak

In the light of all the evidence now tending to show that Watson was in Nanaimo and in the bank, it is now believed that the Seattle alibi witnesses may be mistaken concerning the day they have declared they saw Watson in Seattle. It is now thought possible they have mistaken December 12 for December 13, the day after the robbery.

The most positive alibi witness is said to be Harry Weedin, a motorcycle policeman, formerly a chauffeur for the detective.

In his statement he reported that he stopped three motorists who were speeding on December 12. The first speeder he gave a traffic slip, the second was Watson, to whom he gave no slip, and the third was given a slip, it

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Argentina Again Active Member of League

GENEVA, Dec. 31.—The Foreign Minister of Argentina today registered with the League of Nations a treaty on arbitration between Argentina and Switzerland and a convention for reciprocity in gratuitous medical assistance to citizens between Argentina and Belgium. Today's registrations are interpreted here as further proof that Argentina now deems itself an active member of the League again.

Quebec's Industrial Progress

QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—Pride in the industrial progress of Quebec is the keynote of the New Year's message of Premier L. A. Taschereau, issued last night. Mr. Taschereau dwells on the fact that Quebec's industries, valued at ninety-four million dollars, pay to the personnel of their establishments an annual sum of $150,000,000, and that the gross value of the province's production this year was $1,415,000,000, in round figures.

Challenged by Ibanez

IBANEZ WOULD FIGHT HIM

King Alfonso of Spain, who is the subject of severe criticism by Vicente Blasco Ibanez, the noted Spanish author. In the course of an interview Ibanez said, "Here and now I issue a challenge to two others whom I will fight any time and place—King Alfonso and Primo de Rivera."

Christiania Now Disappears From World's Maps

OSLO, Capital of Norway, Jan. 1.—Christiania, for three hundred years the capital of Norway, exists in name no more. On the stroke of midnight last night the name of the capital was changed to Oslo, by which it was known for about six hundred years—from 1047 to 1624, when it was changed to Christiania.

HIS HONOR GIVES FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR MAKES HANDSOME GIFT

Establishes Bursaries Worth $1,200 Per Annum at University of British Columbia

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—The gift of five three-year scholarships, each of $1,200 per annum, made to the University of British Columbia by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Nichol, was accepted by the board of governors at its regular meeting. These scholarships are offered with the object of developing in Canada a wider knowledge of the people of France, their ideals, literature, art and science. The scholarships are given for study in the University of France and are open to graduates of the University of British Columbia who intend to take up teaching as a profession. One of the terms of the scholarships is that each successful candidate must undertake to return to British Columbia to practice his profession.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE IS CONTRADICTED

STATEMENT ISSUED BY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

Declares Assertions Made Before Montreal Police Probe by Dr. Desloges Are Untrue

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Flat contradiction of statements attributed to Dr. Desloges before the commission inquiring into police matters in Montreal on Monday last was made today by the Department of Immigration and Colonization to the Canadian Press. The statements attributed to Dr. Desloges included the assertion that 40,000 illegitimate children had recently been brought to Canada. Dr. Desloges is also reported to have said that certain judges in England are sending the riffraff to Canada, that the Canadian Government conducts no examination as to morals or venereal diseases, and that the powers of deportation are inadequate.

Child Immigrants

The Immigration Department asserts flatly that the only children coming to Canada, except those accompanied by their parents, come from one or the other of the emigration associations.

The records of the so-called "home children" are of a high average standard. The system of selection is more thorough than in almost any other class of immigrant arriving in Canada.

The Department asserts that it is not the practice of judges in England to send the riffraff to Canada, and that they would not be admitted if any such attempt were made. Persons who have been convicted of offences abroad are debarred under Canadian law, and it is not now and never has been the policy of the Department to admit them to Canada.

Great War Veterans Will Urge Commons to Alter Laws Affecting Soldiers

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—The Dominion command of the Great War Veterans' Association, in a statement issued today, announces that at the next session of Parliament the association will press for the permanent incorporation of the pension bonus with pension appeals from all decisions of the Board of Pension Commissioners to the Federal Appeal Board, division of the canteen funds on the basis of the Royal Commission recommendations, immediate improvement in the conditions surrounding soldier settlers, pensions to certain classes of widows who married soldiers after the appearance of the fatal war disabilities aggravated on service, and a number of lesser points.

ASSURED PARLEY WOULD BE FUTILE

Ottawa Likely to Intimate Proposed Meeting to Discuss Protocol Could Be of No Use

BRITAIN, CANADA AND "ANZAC" AGREED ON VIEW

Deemed Advisable to Hold Conference of Premiers to Formulate Line of Action as to League of Nations

LONDON, Dec. 31.—There seems reason to believe that the Canadian Government is intimating to the British Government, courteously but firmly, that the proposed conference in London, in March, on the question of peace and arbitration protocol would be futile. It is believed that the general feeling here is that the protocol, as amended in Geneva at the suggestion of Japan, cannot be allowed, because it was laid down by the general meeting of the League of Nations and the Council of the League that they could not submit the protocol to any alteration by the Powers.

Unwilling Countries

Therefore, all that can be done in the matter is for those countries unwilling to sign not to do so.

Great Britain herself, and certainly Australia, New Zealand and Canada would not likely submit a matter affecting the internal governments of the Dominions to any extraneous council. On the other hand, it is thought that it might be advisable for the Premiers of the Dominions and Great Britain to meet before the League of Nations Assembly in September to formulate some suggestions for a common policy which probably they could all agree upon. It is understood that this view will be submitted by the Canadian Government to the Imperial Government.

A meeting of the Premiers or other members of the various cabinets might, therefore, be arranged for June next.

RED ARMY LEADER STILL IN MOSCOW

SOVIET WAR MINISTER TOO ILL TO TRAVEL

Willing to Go to Caucasus If Dismissed Adherents Reinstated and Opponents Removed

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—All doubt concerning the whereabouts of Leon Trotzky, Russian Soviet War Minister, were cleared up today by Dr. Semiasko, commissary of public health. He told the Associated Press that the War Minister was still in Moscow, the doctors attending him having decided not to insist upon his departure for the Caucasus until the inflammation of the throat from which he is said to be suffering has subsided.

The trip, it was stated, was deferred largely at the personal request of Trotzky, who asked to be allowed to complete some important work.

The Red leader, it was added, was living in his modern apartment in Moscow, and is not imprisoned in the Kremlin, as some foreign dispatches have stated.

Bargains for Compliance

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Leon Trotzky, the Russian Soviet War Minister, is still in Moscow, according to newspaper dispatches received by way of Helsingfors and Copenhagen.

Trotzky is said to have declared himself willing to leave the Soviet capital if his dismissed adherents are reinstated in their old positions and not exposed to reprisals, also if his opponents in the supreme revolutionary war council, especially Gen. Frunze, are removed from the council.

It is believed an agreement will be reached, the dispatches add, but Trotzky's friends are of the opinion that the reconciliation will not endure.

Docking of $22,000 for Liquor Act Expenses Is Protested in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—"It is an outrage," declared Ald. H. E. Almond, chairman of the Civic Finance Committee, today, when informed that the city had been docked by the Provincial Government for its alleged expenses in enforcing the Liquor Act in Vancouver in the past year. The aldermen and local police authorities were unanimous today in declaring that they have no knowledge of the activities of liquor board operatives which would call for an expenditure of $22,000 last year in the city. The action of the Government was denounced by Ald. H. E. Almond, Ald. F. E. Woodside and Ald. J. A. Garbutt.

Hon. P. C. Larkin Sends New Year Message

LONDON, Dec. 31.—"I feel something like an exile." Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, says in a New Year message to the Canadian Press. Mr. Larkin in his message says there appears to be a prospect that new means may be found to place the trade relationship between the British Isles and Canada on an improved basis. "One may look forward with some confidence to a satisfactory solution of this question to the benefit of both the Dominion and the Motherland," he adds.

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KILLED MESSENGER BUT GOT NO LOOT

Brave Employee of C. & N.W. Train Loses Life But Saves Two Hundred Thousand Dollars

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A youthful robber held up the express car crew of the Viking, fast Chicago & Northwestern Railroad passenger train, near Highland Park, Ill., last night, shot and killed a messenger, locked up the conductor and baggageman, and escaped after a futile attempt to open the safe, which contained bonds, jewels and money valued at upwards of $200,000.

Russell Dickey, forty-four, Milwaukee, the messenger, died when he attempted to disarm the man, who took one of two keys necessary to open the safe, from Dickey's body. He failed to find the second key, which was in the messenger's overcoat hanging a foot away from the safe.

Belief that he had a confederate aboard the train was expressed by officers, after Karl J. Kloepfer, the taxicab driver, told them the robber and his "partner had the 300 grand" and that this "partner got excited and I had to shoot one guy."

The point where the robbery attempt was made is near Rondout, Ill., the scene of the $2,000,000 robbery last June of a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mail train.

Northern Mail Carrier Arrives

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Marjorie Hyndman, of this city, and J. D. Cadenhead, mail carrier in the Peace River block, have arrived safely at Fort St. John, dispelling grave anxiety which was felt for their safety when they were considerably overdue on their trip from Rolla in bitterly cold weather.

SS. Antonia From Halifax January 19 for London

Passengers for the Cunard Line steamer Antonia, sailing from Halifax, January 19, should leave on the Canadian National Railways "Continental Limited," 9:50 p.m., January 12, from Vancouver. This train carries all-steel standard and tourist sleeping and dining cars, drawing-room, compartment, library, and observation cars (with radio). Baggage may be checked through to the steamer from Victoria. Reservations for both the steamer and the train may be made at the C.N.R. City Ticket Office, 911 Government Street. Telephone 1242. (Advt.)

Refused to Reinstate Police Strikers, But Will Repay Superannuation

LONDON, Dec. 31.—For five years the case of the policemen who went on strike in Liverpool and other cities and were dismissed in consequence, has been kept alive in the public mind by judicious propaganda. The strikers of five years ago have been repentant since and ever hopeful of being reinstated in their former positions. A committee of the Government which has been inquiring into the matter, now recommends that while reinstatement is impossible, the strikers might receive back the amounts they contributed to the superannuation fund, which was compulsorily deducted from the pay while they were in the police service.

SOVIET RUSSIANS EXPEL ZIONISTS

Numbers Reported Sent to Siberia and Others Are Held in Prison Awaiting Destinations

LONDON, Dec. 31.—New persecutions, arrests and expulsions of Zionists, Zoire Zionists, Zionist Socialists and members of the Maccabees are taking place in various parts of Soviet Russia, according to reports received here from Moscow.

A great number of Zionists were exiled to Siberia. Large numbers are kept in the prisons awaiting decision of their place of exile. Of the Zionists arrested in the city of Homel, six were exiled to Solovedkin, five to Turafon and one was permitted to proceed to Palestine.

Manitoba Teachers' Federation

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—A. C. Campbell, of Winnipeg, was today elected president of the Manitoba Teachers' Federation, at the annual convention here today. The resolutions committee recommended that the Federation try to obtain an exchange of certificates between the provinces of Canada on a basis of par value, and it was also resolved that the Provincial Government be petitioned to obtain grants to continue the efficiency of the consolidated school system.

Mrs. Jack Dies in Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Gertrude Caroline (Macpherson) Jack, eighty-six, mother of Mrs. C. S. Whiting, of Victoria, B.C., is dead here.

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STRESSES CARE OF MORAL CURRENCY

MORNING POST APPEALS TO ALTRUISM OF U.S.

Says American Pressure on France as to Ruhr May Lead to Unexpected Results

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The question of the French debt and the Franco-American relations arising therefrom are occupying the attention of the politicians and public here, and a big share of front page space in the morning newspapers is given to dispatches from Washington, New York and Paris. There is a strong division of opinion such as characterised the controversy regarding the evacuation of the Ruhr.

The Morning Post, championing France, declares:

"The main difficulty to be faced is to convince the American people that these debts are not commercial transactions, and that if they are rigorously treated as such, the creditor will in the long run suffer much more than the debtor.

American Pressure

"If the American pressure on France is resolutely maintained, several things will follow:

"First—The Dawes scheme itself may be jeopardized. It is clear from M. Clementel's statement that France can not and dare not be generous to Germany, if the last sou is to be dragged from her savings.

"Second—The good relations between France and Great Britain may be put to severe strain and the entente upon which the real recovery of Europe depends may be indefinitely postponed.

"Third—The United States, apart from serious economic dangers, may lose the proud position she occupies in the moral leadership of the world, for in this strange controversy, in which dead men are more potent than living dollars, the more the Americans impose their will on France, the greater will be France's moral victory.

Moral Issues

"Some nations can afford to trifle with moral issues. The Americans, however, dare not. Compared with idealism and devotion to great principles which made the American nation and inspired it from its foundation, material prosperity and payment of the war debt are lost in the balance. America's moral currency must not go below par."

The Westminster Gazette holds a contrary view. It declares it will be surprised if "M. Clementel's unfortunate proposal" does not stimulate the American demand for financial settlement, and believes that Senator Reed's assertion that France does not mean to pay her debts must, if not contradicted, do great harm to French credit in the United States.

Tangible Offer

"We may therefore," it adds, "expect M. Clementel to leave generalities and come nearer to making some kind of tangible offer to France's creditors in the near future."

Remarking upon the close connection of the debt question with the German reparations and the occupation of the Rhineland, the editorial says: "It is here that American pressure may help to save a very awkward situation. If Secretary Hughes can persuade France to evacuate the Ruhr and agree to the British leaving Cologne early in the Spring, he will render a great service to the cause of European peace. France will be unwise to bargain for a reduction in her debts as a reward for doing what is only right and just regarding the evacuation.

"It may be taken for granted that both Great Britain and America would be readier to arrange a favorable compromise respecting debts if they found France inclined to treat Germany fairly and reasonably."

SAYS MRS. ROBINSON HINTED HUSH MONEY

Oriental Potentate's Blackmail Case Again Appears in the Bow Street Police Court

LONDON, Dec. 31. — Montagu Noel Newton, who testified in the recent suit of Charles Robinson against the Midland Bank to the alleged conspiracy to blackmail Rajah Sir Hari Singh, repeated the main points of his sensational testimony in the Robinson trial when called by the prosecution today as a witness in the Bow Street police court hearing of William Cooper Hobbs, the solicitor employed by the alleged conspirators. Hobbs is accused of having received a cheque for £150,000, stolen abroad, representing the price the Indian ruler is alleged to have paid for silence regarding his intimacy with Robinson's wife.

The witness asserted the proposal to obtain money from the rajah first emanated from Mrs. Robinson. He again involved in the affair James Charles Arthur, former aide-de-camp to the rajah, whose extradition from Paris is being sought. He also accused Hobbs of being involved in the conspiracy, testifying that Hobbs was to share equally with the others in the profits from the venture.

Before resumption of the hearing, the court refused a motion for the release of Hobbs on bail.

Germans and Rotary

CALGARY, Dec. 30.—Provided all other countries connected with Rotary do not object to the admission of Germany to the international organization, the Calgary club approves of the idea, according to a unanimous vote given at the regular weekly luncheon on Tuesday. In other words, the club approved of the principle, and believes that International Rotary should work with that end in view.

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Oddities in the News

News for the Superstitious—War Medals Still Unclaimed—Holly as Weapon of Defence — Crosses Europe to Win Wife

TORONTO. — Those superstitious persons—there are still some—who tremble at the thought of a "Friday the 13th" will have three such hazards in the year 1925. There was only one Friday the 13th in 1924, in June, but in 1925 the 13th falls on a Friday in the months of February, March and October.

Easter comes a full week earlier than in 1924. Good Friday is set for April 10, and Easter Sunday, April 12.

There are some other interesting angles to the 1925 calendar. May 24, Queen Victoria's birthday, that very popular holiday which generally heralds Summer's approach, falls on a Sunday, and will probably be celebrated on the Monday after—a bumper week-end holiday.

Dominion Day, July 1, and Armistice Day, Nov. 11, both come on Wednesday in 1925. This will not have much effect on Armistice Day as it is not an official holiday, but Dominion Day celebrations must be confined to the one day in mid-week.

Of course, those week-end holidays of late Summer and Fall will be unchanged in 1925. Civic holidays throughout the Dominion are generally celebrated on the first Monday in August, which will be August 3; Labor Day will be Monday, September 7, and Thanksgiving Day, Monday, November 9.

OTTAWA.—Nearly 150,000 war medals remain unclaimed by former members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, in the Records Branch of the Department of National Defence. There are 2,809 of the 1914-15 Stars, 94,013 British war medals, and 54,265 Victory medals waiting claimants, as well as 1,129 Memorial Crosses, 5,885 Memorial Plaques and 5,608 Memorial Scrolls.

The Records Branch of the National Defence, with the assistance of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment has made every effort to locate ex-soldiers for whom war medals are available. Last year, 424 applications for service medals, other than the Great War, were received by the department. During the year ending March 31 last, 20,600 British war medals, over 14,000 Victory medals and 424 1914-15 Stars were distributed.

Sixteen Fenian Raid and North-west Rebellion veterans only received their medals last year. Fifty-five long service and good conduct medals were awarded in Canada last year and 117 of the long service medals for Colonial Auxiliary Forces were presented to members of the non-permanent militia.

TORONTO. — A time-honored use of holly is associated with Christmastide, but shortly before the festival a bunch of this decoration served an entirely different purpose from the one connected with the season of "peace and goodwill," as a tale related in the police court shows. Miss Corinne Farrell, an actress, playing at a local theatre, according to the story she told, was accosted by a man. "I did my utmost to get away from him," she said, "but finally he laid a hand on me. Then I struck him. I had a Christmas parcel and some holly in my hand, and it made his nose bleed." The man was fined $5 in court.

LONDON.—The romance of a prince's dash half-way across Europe to secure a special Act of Parliament to enable him to marry a young Englishwoman has come to light, says The Mirror.

Prince Ferdinand of Lichtenstein is the bridegroom-elect, and Miss Sheiagh Brunner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner, the bride. For centuries no member of the Prince's family, who rule the little independent state of Lichtenstein, on the borders of Switzerland, has married a commoner. When, therefore, Prince Ferdinand's friendship with Miss Brunner ripened into affection he had to return home in haste to obtain sanction to his marriage. This entailed the passing of a bill, but on the petition of the Prince the process was speeded up and he returned immediately to claim his bride.

Pitchfork Kicked by Cow Pierces Boy's Brain

SASKATOON, Dec. 30.—Lawrence McNab, 8½-year-old, of Colonsay, Sask., died in a local hospital today of injuries sustained when a pitchfork was kicked out of the hands of his brother by a cow and pierced his brain. The two boys were helping their father clean out his stable when the accident occurred.

BIG ABERDEEN BULL GOES ON RAMPAGE

ALARMS DWELLERS IN FLOODED THAMES VALLEY

Vicious Animal Adds to Turbulence of Gales and Floods—Suffering Caused by Weather

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The floods caused by the storms in Great Britain are still increasing in many parts of the country, and the gales have been renewed the last day or two. Hundreds of telephone poles are down, in a number of towns, letters are being delivered by boats owing to the floods.

The London-Carlisle express trains are being held up at Penryth as a result of the submergence of the railway tracks.

At Monmouth, the occupants of numerous cottages are marooned by the flood, and they are being served with food and drink from boats. Men on horseback are busy rescuing the women and children from the flooded areas.

Dutch Steamers' Struggles

Dutch steamers on their way to the port of London have had severe trials in the storms. One of them arrived yesterday after five days and nights of vigilant watchfulness on the part of the captain, who during that period dared not leave the bridge of the vessel for a moment.

A huge Aberdeen bull was being taken from Hampton Court to a fair in Kingston, when it broke away and plunged into the Thames. It was carried along the flooded river for a mile and then was able to scramble on the bank. Thereupon it entered the grounds of a large residence and held up the family for fourteen hours, chasing the servants who tried to "shoo" him away.

The man of the house called some neighbors to his assistance. Armed with boathooks and ropes, they tried to drive the intruder away, and failing that they tried in vain to lasso him. Then they settled down to await developments. The bull had entered the premises early in the evening. It remained there until daylight next morning, when it made off on its own account.

NUMEROUS RABBITS ENTERED IN SHOW

Bunnies and Cats, Local and Foreign, to Be Exhibited at Willows Next Week

Entries for the rabbit show to be held at the Willows next week are coming in thick and fast. Nearly all breeds will be represented and there will be stock from all parts of British Columbia and some from the United States. As the Christmas season has caused a certain amount of delay, entries mailed now will be accepted. There are two challenge cups to be competed for and a number of specials. Beyond those mentioned in the prize list the following firms have donated specials: The African Plume Shop, Stewart's Shoe Store, People's Cash Hardware, Watson & McGregor, Thorne's Shoe Store and Mr. P. Barlow.

The nine to twelve months' class has been omitted from the prize list, but through an error only. Animals entered in this class will be placed in the class.

A cat show will be on January 7 and 8. Entries are already numerous. Any lady wishing to donate specials for this section is asked to leave particulars with Mr. Boucher or Mr. Sylvester at Sylvester's Feed Store. Owners wishing to do so may take their cats home at night.

A banquet and dance will be held in connection with the show.

Australia Will Appoint Special London Agent

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Government of Australia, with the approval of the British Government, according to The London Times, will shortly appoint a special representative to be attached to the office of the Australian Commissioner in London. It will be the special duty of this official to maintain permanent contact with the British Cabinet and with the Foreign and Colonial Offices here. Australia's special representative thus will be in a position to keep his Government informed practically every day of the principal political developments here. It will also be his duty to place the views of the Australian Government before the respective departments of the British Government.

$18,000 Village Fire

WEYBURN, Sask., Dec. 31.—The village of McTaggart, about nine miles northwest of Weyburn, had a disastrous fire at any early hour this morning when the buildings on the west side of Main Street were completely wiped out, causing a loss of $18,000.

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GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 31.—A daring robbery was committed here early this morning when the plate glass window of the firm of Kelcher & Hendley was smashed and furs valued at about $1,000 stolen. The trick was done so quickly that a policeman just a block away who heard the crash of the glass had scarcely started in the direction of the store when he saw the robbers' car shoot past him.

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Long Spell of Unsettled Weather, Local Forecast

Mr. Walter Harvey, Whose Predictions Last Year Were Shown To Be Remarkably Accurate, Ventures Opinion, Based on Scientific Observations and Study, on How Victoria Will Be Treated by Weather Gods in 1925

By WALTER HARVEY
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Some Remarks on 1924 and an Apology

MY forecast for 1924 worked out with very satisfactory results except for an error which occurred in October and part of November for a few weeks. This was caused by my carelessness when figuring it out. I was using two sets of tables, one of which counted the hours from 0 (midnight) to 24 (midnight) each day, and the other from 0 (midnight) to 12 (midday), and again from 0 (midday) to 12 (midnight) each day. After being interrupted while making the forecast, I got them mixed unwittingly and made an error of twelve hours, which would have changed the predictions for October and part of November completely round, with the result that had it not been for this error the whole twelve months would have worked out correctly. Accordingly I apologize, especially as I am told I was anathematized by certain growers of root crops, who were misled into expecting fine weather for gathering them when unfortunately it came very bad. Of course this will not occur again.

The two outstanding features of the 1924 weather are long, dry Summer and drought and the fine spell of frosty (skating) weather, which is still on as I write this on Christmas Day. Both of these I distinctly forecasted. I have been here more than forty years now and I do not remember any such long spell of good skating weather, free from snow, in all that time; and this should be some evidence of the possibility of the more or less accurate forecasting weather conditions, even to the most sceptical, by following my method.

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It should always be borne in mind that this forecast only refers to that section of country which is covered by the so-called "Coast time," which is Pacific standard time for the 120th Meridian west, from near Kamloops out to the open Pacific, and it should be more or less applicable to the whole coast, from Alaska to Central California. When the forecast is doubtful, it will easily be seen that, in places like Victoria and Saanich, where the annual rainfall is low, there will be a much greater chance of good or not too bad weather than in sections of the country where the rain or snowfall is much higher in proportion to the difference between them. On the west coast of Vancouver Island, and in other places where there is a high average of rainfall, it will very often be found that it is wet and stormy when Victoria is enjoying decent weather. Therefore the forecast must be used in conjunction with a knowledge of local average conditions.

The coming year will be remarkable for the long, wet, unsettled and often stormy period from the beginning of the year for the first six months. There is little prospect of any spell of really reliable fine weather till the middle of June. If there are any Maytime Frolics in contemplation, they will be very lucky if they get even half decent weather. However, though the Spring will be wet and probably stormy, I do not thing it will be exceptionally cold, but only because it seems that we are having a good long dose of very cold weather now. It may be a wet, warm Spring, and in any case it will make a great hay crop and should be a great year for roots, and as there will be good weather for the hay harvest in the latter part of June, and as there will be rain in July and August, there should be good pasture and chances for aftermaths in the late Summer. I would strongly recommend any farmers or gardeners who have not got their land ready or their crops in the ground this last Fall not to neglect an hour when it is at all possible to get on to the land and not to trust to being able to get crops in late. I am afraid May and early June will be no better than March and April. I believe it will be safe for corn and beans and tomatoes to go in any time in May. The difficulty will be to have the land dry enough.

These forecasts are not so reliable in Winter as in Summer unless the changes are very decided. Such a change came in December, which enabled me to foretell the skating; but for some reason which I cannot explain decided changes are not so frequent in Winter as in Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Here follows the monthly forecast for 1925:

January

Continuation of the broken weather which started at Christmas, and no sign of a change for the better all through the month.

February

The first week will still be bad. There is just a chance of improvement in the second week, but it is quite doubtful. Again the last ten days or week will be bad and this is almost certain.

March

This will be a very bad month, and I forsee no hope of any decent weather for weeks on end. There will most likely be very heavy gales of wind also, and the Equinox will be worse than usual, I fully expect and the bad weather will continue into

April

There seems to be no let up, at any rate till the second week. During the second week it may come better for a week or ten days, but this is not reliable, and it will not surprise me if the whole month is very trying. I am afraid farmers and gardeners will have a hard time getting their crops in; and that the Spring of 1925 will prove one of the worst on record because even in

May

There is no prospect of fine weather all through this month. Even if it not cold, it will be wet and changeable and uncertain, and there is, I am sorry to say, a very poor chance of decent weather for any holiday making.

June

The beginning will still be broken weather. Matters may possibly improve with the full moon on the 6th, or even a day or two before that, but this is quite uncertain. However, at last there will come a real fine spell, commencing about the 17th or a day or two later, and it will now be fine and warm for the rest of the month and lasting through the holidays in

July

Continued fine and warm most likely all through the month and little fear of anything worse than a shower or two or thunderstorms towards the end of the month during the last ten days, but this is not reliable, and the last half of the month may be bad, especially the last ten days.

August

The outlook for August is very unpromising. There is no promise or certainty of any decent weather during August. In sections of the country where the annual rainfall is heavy it will be decidedly bad on and off all through the month, and through the dry belt at Victoria, Saanich and the Islands, even if it does not rain it will be cloudy and windy and cool and disagreeable for this time of year, and this condition of affairs may extend through the first half of

September

Though it may be better than August, there is just a chance, however, that it may be fairly fine, in which case September will be on the whole a good month because the last two weeks may be fine and warm. It seems probable there will be no Equinoctial bad weather in the fourth week. The usual Equinoctial gales will probably be conspicuous by their absence.

October

If the first half is bad, it will start at the very beginning of the month; but there is some chance of fair weather all through the first two weeks. The second half of October is a very doubtful proposition. I expect it to be broken and stormy, and it may even be delayed Equinoctial gales; anyway, it is very uncertain. The whole month is quite unreliable, and so is all the first half of

November

which will probably be very bad and wet. About the middle of the month, possibly as soon as the 12th and certainly by the 17th, there will at last come fine weather which will very likely last till the end of the month and even in

December

The first half may continue fine and it may even last right on all through the month. If there is any bad weather it will start between the 12th and the 18th, probably on the 15th. If it does not break then, it may be fine right along till a few days after Christmas. There is also some chance of another spell of skating weather like the one in 1924. The last few days will most likely bring storms of rain, sleet or snow.

DR. BOAK'S APPEAL TO BE HEARD SOON

CASE WILL FEATURE SESSION HERE NEXT WEEK

Expected to Come Up Next Thursday —Constitution of Assize Court Likely to Be Attacked

The next sitting of the Court of Appeal for the Province will open at the Court House here a week from today, with chief interest centring on the case of Rex vs. Boak which has been put down for hearing.

This appeal, which is from the decision of the late Assizes held in Victoria, raises not only a number of objections usually put forward, but also attacks the constitution of the court that disposed of the case inasmuch as it is held that the selection of jurors to serve at the Assizes was not made according to the legal requirements.

The trial of Dr. E. W. Boak, charged with having, through criminal negligence, caused the deaths of Messrs. David Ballantyne and Alexander McLachlan on the East Saanich Road, attracted the widest interest last October.

Judgments in several other cases of local interest are expected to be delivered by the court at the opening of the proceedings here. Among them is that of Rex vs. Vye, an appeal from the decision of Judge Lampman, who found Dr. Vye guilty of an illegal operation. The appeal was argued at the Vancouver sitting of the Court of Appeal.

Vancouver Hold-Up

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Held up at the point of a revolver by two masked men at the corner of Pender and Homer Streets shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, W. Slavert was relieved of $275 in cash, his overcoat, coat and hat.

A Lone Bandit That Failed

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—A lone bandit at noon today held up the Aberdeen National Bank, obtained $4,500 in cash and was captured in a drugstore two minutes after he had left the bank. He gave the name of Pete Couris. The money was recovered.

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BAYLEY CASE GOES TO HIGHER COURT

Magistrate Jay Decides Evidence Sufficient to Warrant Committal of Boxer on Liquor Charge

Satisfied that a sufficiently strong case had been made out against the accused to warrant committing him for trial in higher court, Magistrate Jay yesterday intimated that he would so commit Joe Bayley, Victoria boxer, on Friday, provided evidence for the defence was not produced to change his opinion.

Charged in connection with the liquor stolen from Government House, Bayley is accused of having received a case of liquor, knowing it to have been stolen. The charges against William Etheridge, similar to that on which Bayley was given his preliminary trial, and Stella Bridges, of selling liquor, were allowed to stand over until Wednesday next. This was done on the representation of counsel that the woman was too ill to leave her home to attend court.

Harry Amherst, of Vancouver, who had been charged the day before and acquitted, testified that the liquor had been brought to his room in the Douglas Hotel and that later Bayley and Donald Skene had taken the case away.

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The evidence of Skene was that Bayley had told him he could use the whisky, and accordingly they had taken it from Amherst's room, where it was first left, to Bayley's room in the hotel. Bayley had placed it in a cupboard there, promising to pay for it later.

Later, in premises described as Bayley's club, Skene said that he had told the accused to take the case out of his room. The latter said that was all right. He had taken the label off it. The liquor had been paid for by the accused, who got a twenty-dollar American bill from J. R. Lee, who was in the club.

Evidence of a conversation between the accused and witness in the detectives' office at police headquarters was admitted in spite of the objection of Mr. W. C. Moresby, who appeared for Bayley. Skene testified that the accused had then said, "Oh, shut up. That has all been fixed." He had added that if he had paid Skene $25, Skene owed him $25.

Lends a Twenty

A visitor to the city from San Diego, Jesse R. Lee, testified that he had lent Bayley a twenty-dollar bill one day in the club.

Mr. Moresby moved for the dismissal of the charge. There was not a tittle of evidence, he contended, to show that the accused had any knowledge that the liquor had been stolen. The accused, he said, might reasonably have thought that "Skene got it from a hundred and one bootleggers that were operating around here."

Mr. C. L. Harrison argued that a case had been made out which it was necessary for Bayley to meet. The onus of satisfying the court on this point was on the accused.

The magistrate thought that a case had been made out to warrant trial.

When asked by the magistrate if he had anything to say, Bayley returned, "Only that I am innocent."

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THE NEW YEAR

There is an old Japanese proverb which says, "Make your plans for the year at its beginning." It is by doing this, and if those plans are wisely laid, that we become numbered among those "whose yesterdays look backward with a smile." The New Year is a time not necessarily only for the making of resolutions, for the enunciation of good intentions, but for adamantine determination to pursue certain courses of action that in the cause of what is best for ourselves seem to be decreed by the experience of the past. "As the year is so your pot must seeth," says an old writer, but it seetheth according to the ingredients that it contains. The New Year is a reckoning time—a mile post as it were in the march of the individual. The passing years, as Horace wrote, take something each from each of us, but they teach us, too, a measure of contentment. The fleeting years are a pensive monitor, yet the experience which follows after them should be made the alchemy that will transmute past sorrows, and sufferings, and deprivations, into joys and happinesses, and the measure of a fuller life.

Why is New Year's Day celebrated? We suppose because it opens up a new era with its new landmarks in the life of each person. There is a spirit of romance in contemplating what the unknown may bring forth. The New Year opens up a new epoch of anticipation, and thus, for young and old, it has its beatific vision, its belief that what is to come must necessarily hold something better than anything that has gone before. "Days should speak, and multitude of years teach wisdom," says the Book of Job. It was this conception which formed the motive of so many of Tennyson's poems, his belief that the world by slow aeonian movement of evolution was for ever bettering itself and moving towards one far-off Divine Event. For him the years as they passed served to reaffirm his faiths, his hopes and his loves, and belief in the ultimate vindication of the Creative Love. It is the cadence of thoughts such as these which mellows the anticipations of what the New Year will bring forth, and it was this cadence that made each New Year for Tennyson a time for ringing out the false and ringing in the true. It is the far off ideal, implanted in the human heart, which makes each New Year's day a memorable anniversary even though it is an arbitrary landmark in time erected by man himself.

It is not the years that count, but it is what is accomplished during their fruition. Nihil est annis velocius, wrote Ovid, a sentiment which probably inspired Shakespeare to describe life, as measured by yesterdays, as "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." It is the to-morrow that the New Year opens up which is fraught with hope and opportunity, with that promise which it is for us to translate into performance. Thus New Year's Day should be a day of determination, not merely of pious and perhaps trivial resolutions which are shattered to pieces by the blast of some adverse fortune which may eventuate within a few weeks. No resolution is worth the making unless it is such as can be and will be implemented by performance. The New Year is in a large measure for each one of us what we will make it for ourselves. As Philip James Bailey wrote:

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Those who have followed the fortunes and accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year will have noted that this organization has had a period of more than average usefulness. The Chamber has not alone achieved tangible results of immediate beneficial value to the community's progress, but through its energies it has laid the foundations of movements which in the course of the present year cannot fail to redound to the advantage of Victoria. It has been actively and aggressively led by the President, Mr. C. P. W. Schwengers, who has had solid support from a loyal corps of directors. The record of the Chamber's achievements has been printed in this newspaper, and it is now a matter of common knowledge.

To carry on and to enlarge its work the Chamber of Commerce needs a growing membership. It has proved itself the premier organization of development in Victoria, and, through the co-operative movement it has built up for the benefit of Vancouver Island as a whole, it has, during 1924, greatly extended the aegis of its activities. It should command the widest popular support, should attract to its membership all who are concerned about material progress, and should be made, in every sense, the epitome of this community's desire for advancement.

The New Year, with its problems, offers a wide field of activity for the Chamber of Commerce. To cope successfully with those problems the Chamber needs staunch, enthusiastic and widespread popular support. There are now many of our business men who are not of its membership, although they gain by its energies. They should lend their counsel and their aid to the spirit of progress which is the watchword of the Chamber. The Chamber is about to embark on a campaign for new members, coupled with an effort to attract again to the ranks those who have fallen out through apathy or other reasons. The greater the membership is the more representative it will be of a people's forum, and the more weight will lie behind the decisions of the Chamber.

Because the Chamber has done such excellent work, and because it has so much in hand vital to continuity of policy in its campaign, we ask on its behalf that our citizenship during 1925, and in the following years, will rally to its support. If the Chamber had a thousand members, that fact alone would be a remarkable testimony to the spirit of civic patriotism. If all the thousand were workers and keenly possessed by a desire to bring about progress in the community, it would be an advertisement of such value to Victoria that it would attract attention from every centre of development. What are wanted here are concentration of effort and the spirit of co-operation, both of which can be accentuated and nourished by making the Chamber of Commerce, through an increased and ever growing membership, representative of the public desire to make Victoria and Vancouver Island flourish.

THE CREDITOR NATION

Great Britain, it is estimated, on March 31 last, was owed a sum of £2,000,928,000 on only an infinitesimal part of which she is receiving interest payments. As a matter of fact, that debt continues to increase by the interest being added each year to the principal of the debt due. Up to date no arrangement has been made for payment, but the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, has thrown out a hint that in the very near future some plan will be evolved for the liquidation of this debt. The amounts owed to Britain are as follows:

France	£623,279,000
Russia	722,546,000
Italy	533,300,000
Jugo-Slavia	28,481,000
Roumania	24,778,000
Portugal	21,544,000
Greece	23,355,000
Belgian Congo	3,550,000
Poland	95,000

If Britain could secure the interest payment on these debts at, say, five per cent per annum, she could meet her own debt interest and redemption dues to the United States, and, as well, have a revenue coming in of some £50,000,000 per annum. At present the charge to Britain for debt interest and redemption dues to America is at the rate of £48,000,000 yearly, which means that for the next sixty years every man, woman and child in Britain must pay £1 to the United States. Britain is paying her debts, but not being paid. The Daily Express points out that, as well, she is carrying the burden of supporting over 1,000,000 unemployed, while the debtor nations of France and Belgium and Italy have practically no unemployment. The time would seem to have arrived when the British can logically ask for some settlement in regard to the debts they are owed.

A school mistress only 24 years of age has just won a $13,000 prize for her first novel in a competition with 1,500 other manuscripts. The feat accomplished by Miss Martha Ostenso shows that there is no handicap in locality or in lack of experience for a successful writer of novels. Of her The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says: "She has only known small towns and sons of the soil, who would confuse Freud with some new kind of fertilizer. She has only seen the ploughman treading the level fields, and known the smell of new-turned soil, and watched the harvest come and go. Society to her has only meant the "social" at the country church, the sewing circle on the porch. And yet, drawing on the little she has seen and known, she has told a story and won a prize. Why know 'life' at all, or 'love,' or Freud, if such things be?"

Panama has only just ended her participation in the World War by ratifying the Treaty of Germain and thus establishing peace with Austria. Panama, it appears, had signed the Treaty and in the course of time received many volumes, so uninteresting in their appearance, that they were set aside in the Foreign Office. A recent change of government led to a house-cleaning and the volumes were discovered, when it was found that Panama was at the time still technically at war with Austria. Despite this condition, Consular officers have been appointed between the two countries and trade resumed; in fact everything has been going on as if there was no technical state of belligerency.

Fatally Injured Coasting

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 31.—George Rowe ran his sled into an automobile and was fatally injured when coasting down a hill here yesterday.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

We are told that the poor we shall always have with us. We are convinced that the chronic "grouch" we shall always have with us, too. Two of the chronics were heard discussing matters in general the other day. Both of them were grouching at the newspapers. The optimistic tone of the newspapers was offensive. A lot of nonsense was printed about many things, but particularly a lot of nonsense was printed about business and the weather. The bulk of the holiday business was over-estimated, and the weather here was not all it was "cracked up to be," or something of that kind.

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We have no inside information pertaining to the amount of the business transacted in Victoria during the holiday season compared with the amount of business done in previous holiday seasons. We admit that we are prone to observe the surface of things and draw conclusions therefrom. It appeared to us that the stores were crowded during the active shopping season, and that every official within the stores was kept busy displaying and disposing of goods. Possibly if statistics were available they would tell another story. Still, everybody we talked to and everybody we looked at appeared to be satisfied—and if everybody was satisfied, what more could be expected?

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In the matter of the weather there is a definite method of comparison. The meteorological reports are printed every day; and, if that is not sufficient, there are supplementary reports sent out from every part of the country. We know there was no snow here during the Christmas season, and the thermometer readings were highly favorable compared with the readings from every part of the continent with which comparisons are possible or reasonable.

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On the other hand, the newspaper dispatches chronicled disasters in many parts of the world, all directly or indirectly due to the severity and the boisterousness of the weather. We read of twenty-deaths in one place as a result of floods, and of thirty-five deaths in another place as a result of fire, with many deaths in other places from many causes having direct connection with the severity of the cold. Taking one consideration with another, therefore, we concluded that complimentary references to the weather in this part of the world during the depth of the Winter season were quite in order. We were not compelled to muffle our ears to keep them warm when out of doors, nor to build up huge fires that were dangerous to the premises and to their inmates when indoors. We know of no one who was compelled to submit to disconfort or to serious inconvenience during the alleged cold snap, with the possible exception of the golfers—and it will do them good to rest from their pastime or their obsession for a day or two. Possibly the two "grouches" whose case was called to our attention were two temporarily idle golfers.

The Government of Mexico has decided to abolish fifty-seven holidays. That decision implies that the people of Mexico are becoming progressive. But the holidays that are to be abolished in Mexico are all religious holidays, and we can understand why some people will say that the decision of the Government indicates that Mexico is becoming retrogressive.

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The Province of Quebec is the only part of the American continent that enjoys a multitude of holidays, many of them religious holidays, and, whether Quebec is progressive or retrogressive, it is reputed to be one of the most prosperous parts of America. So that there are two aspects to the question of the value of holidays in the lives of the people—the moral aspect and the material aspect. One fact appears to be assured—the fact that the people are averse to giving up holidays after they have long enjoyed them. The people of Victoria, for example, have a half holiday which some of us regard as superfluous, and the majority have decided that they cannot let it go.

Vancouver is approaching the new year with confidence in what that year has in store. To begin with it has a new Mayor bubbling over with optimism, it has a new dock and several grain elevators, it has many new buildings in prospect—and a police official says it has seven thousand bootleggers, with power to add to their number. The Metropolitan Area seems destined to make a tremendous splash in the world of business.

Victoria is also approaching the new year with confidence and hope. The prospects for material prosperity were never brighter than they are as the old year lies in its death throes. Therefore let us, as is the way of the world, ring out the old and ring in the new with joyful anticipations. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All!

Great Britain and the United States are to work hand in hand in a new financial alliance. That is one of the most important announcements of the year that has closed, and one of the momentous possibilities of the year that has begun. A financial alliance may lead to a still more important alliance—an alliance for the promotion of prosperity and the maintenance of peace throughout the world. That would be a real and powerful League of Nations.

THE NEW YEAR

In vesture white, bowed low, like one who bears
The Season's solemn thoughts, Earth hides her face
In lowly worship; How my spirit shares
Her sober mood and in this holy place,
God's richer, whiter raiment fondly wears
Of mercy sweet, whose sparkling folds efface
My grey dismantled world of bygone years
In those rich drifts of Love's divine embrace;

So my old Self in newness shall appear:
As Earth full soon shall lift her buried brow,
With frozen eye and furrowed cheeks aglow
With life's new song and beauty far and near,—
What sweeter spring my ransomed soul shall know,
Wrapped in the mercy of this Glad New Year!

—Dudley H. Anderson.

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Canada's Story Day by Day

By BLODWEN DAVIES

JANUARY 1

Benedict Arnold and an American army which had invaded Canada in the Autumn of 1774, had been encamped near Quebec in preparation for a siege of that city. When Montgomery and his men joined Arnold, plans were pressed for the attack. General Carleton, who had escaped the invaders at Montreal, had been preparing for weeks for the inevitable attack. All of Quebec's population of five thousand, who were suspected of disloyalty, were expelled to avoid any chance of treachery. The attack was fixed to commence on December 31. Montgomery made a feint at the back of the town, but wily old Carleton was not to be fooled. He kept the town in utter darkness and silence during the night, and led the enemy to believe their movements unseen. A force had been sent secretly to a part of the city where they could cut off the American attackers, and here and there soldiers lay in silent readiness for the blow. Montgomery then led his real attack through lower town. It was two o'clock on the morning of this day in 1775, when a signal flare announced the moment for action. Montgomery's men, toiling up the front of the town, were met with a blinding fire. By eight o'clock the attack was foiled, Montgomery was dead, and 427 Americans captured. The rest had fled. Quebec was once more saved. The bodies of Montgomery and his comrades in death were rescued from the snowdrifts and reverently buried in Quebec.

Today, January 1
Is the Anniversary of:

Birth of Soame Jenyns, theological writer and politician; London, 1704.

Birth of Baron Franz von der Trenck, noted military adventurer in various European countries; Reggio, Calabria, 1710.

Birth of Edmund Burke, the renowned orator; Dublin, 1730.

Birth of G. A. Burger, the German poet, author of "Lenore"; Walmerswende, 1748.

Birth of Maria Edgeworth; the celebrated novelist; Hare Hatch, Berkshire, 1767.

Birth of Francis Egerton, first Earl of Ellesmere, author, statesman and patron of the fine arts; London, 1800.

Death of Louis XII, King of France, who married Mary Tudor, sister of King Henry VIII; Paris, 1515.

Death of William Wycherley, who has been called "the typical Restoration dramatist"; London, 1715.

Death of John Britton, antiquary and topographer, who wrote many volumes on the architectural and other antiquities of England and Wales; London, 1857.

Coronation of Charles II by the Scots at Scone; 1651.

Start of General Monk's march from Scotland to London which eventually brought about the Restoration; Coldstream, 1660.

Adoption of the Gregorian Calendar ("New Style") in Britain; 1752.

Union of Great Britain and Ireland; 1801.

Discovery of the first planetoid (Ceres) by the Italian astronomer, Piazzi; 1801.

First issue of The London Times; 1788.

Installation of Bolivar as chief of the Venezuela Republic; 1814.

Emancipation of slaves in the United States; 1863.

Outbreak of the Maori rebellion in New Zealand; 1863.

Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia; 1901.

NEW YEAR PEACE

("Happy New Year to All.")

Hark! Holy strains afar assail—
Celestial choired throughout the night:
"Peace, Perfect Peace," from out the veil
Peals o'er the earth, its depth, its height.
The Peace of God so wondrous fair,
Forever to His children given—
Surpassing all—yea, naught compare
With this, His Peace—sweet boon from Heaven.

Grant that the New Year dawning fast
Goodwill to'rds Man may usher in;
Atoned the wrongs—aught of the past;
Rule Kingly Love and Discipline.
Then glad and happy anthems sing—
Re-echoed far o'er hill and dale:
"A Happy New Year"—joyful, ring—
Peal "Happy New Year"! Hail, all hail!

—JEANNE VALDEZ.

Victoria, B.C., New Year's Eve, 1925.

Belfast Raises Curfew

BELFAST, Dec. 30.—The curfew order keeping people off the streets from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., which has been enforced in Ulster almost without cessation since August 30, 1920, was raised today. The curfew was instituted in 1920 because of disorders prevailing in Ireland at that time.

Favorite Hymns and Their Writers

By REV. ARCHER WALLACE

"FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS"

Reginald Heber, the author of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was born in Cheshire, England, in 1783. He is justly regarded as one of the great[illegible] of all hymn-writers, for while he only wrote fifty-seven hymns, they are all in use. It is questionable whether this can be said of any other hymn-writer. It is true that the names of Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts are seen over and over again in hymnals, but it must be remembered that a large number of hymns they composed have never been made use of. Charles Wesley alone composed over six thousand hymns.

Reginald Heber was born amid favorable circumstances, and he made the most of his privileges. At an early age he was sent to Oxford, and when only seventeen years of age he distinguished himself by composing a remarkable poem on Palestine, which won him a prize. His fellow students, and even the college professors, reaped upon him the most extravagant praise; but fortunately it did not spoil him. After his great success his parents found him kneeling in prayer. Thus did he keep humble throughout life.

He entered the ministry of the Church of England at a time when hymns were just beginning to be sung. There were still many people who did not care for their use, but the prejudice was dying. Then a great wave of missionary enthusiasm swept over England, and the attention and interest of young Heber went out to the mission field.

On Saturday, May 29, 1819, he was visiting his father-in-law at Wrexham Vicarage, when he was suddenly asked to write a missionary hymn for the service on the following day. Whether those who asked thought it possible that a hymn could be written to order, and at such a short notice, it is hard to say; but young Heber retired to another part of the room, and, while the conversation was still going on, he composed the first three stanzas of the hymn which is now so well known.

When he showed them to his friends, they expressed their delight and said that the hymn as written was complete. He insisted, however, that there was a sense of incompleteness, and so the fourth verse, beginning "Waft, waft, ye winds His story," was written, and the four stanzas are sung everywhere.

Soon after the hymn had been composed a copy was sent to Miss Mary Howard, of Savannah, Ga., U.S.A. She admired the hymn greatly and wanted a tune for it. She sent the hymn to a young bank clerk of Savannah who had a faculty for composing suitable tunes, and in half an hour he sent it back with the delightfully suitable tune which is now sung the world over with the famous hymn. The young clerk was Lowell Mason, and he not only made himself famous, but greatly enhanced the popularity of the hymn, as he did of other hymns which he set to music.

Beside this hymn, Heber, who became a Bishop, wrote a number of others, almost as widely known. Among these are: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," "By Cool Siloam's Shady Rill." Like so many other hymn writers, Reginald Heber was a man of beautiful character. He died in India, where he was Bishop of Calcutta, on April 3, 1826, at the early age of 43.

Esquimalt Methodists—On Monday night, December 28, the above Sunday School had its annual Christmas entertainment. Commencing with a supper for scholars, teachers and friends at 6 o'clock, sat down to well spread tables. At 7:30 o'clock the usual entertainment began, opening with a carol by the whole school. Afterwards Mr. Farmer kept the children delighted for half an hour with his famous "Punch and Judy Show." This was followed by a piano solo by Elsie Deaville, a scholar; a song by Dona White, also ascholar, then recitations by Mrs. Dearborn, a Christmas story and the "Boy Elocutionist," after which the minstrels gave the "Surprise on Susie," under the direction of Mr. J. H. A. Warr and Miss Wallace; followed by a quartette from four girls from Wesley Church. These items were all fully appreciated by the juvenile audience. About nine o'clock Santa Claus came and presented all the scholars with a bag containing nuts, candies, etc. The entertainment closing with the National Anthem, all went home feeling very happy.

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Save the Children Fund

Sir,—May I again thank the readers of The Colonist for their kind contributions to "Save the Children Fund": Mrs. Salsbury, $5; Mrs. Dingwall, $5; Mrs. Hamilton, Aged Women's Home, $10; Mrs. Quainton, $2; Sympathizer, $1; Anonymous, $10; Arion, $2; Friend, $1; Mr. Rowley, Oak Bay, $2; Mrs. G. C., $5; Mr. W. A. Turner, $5; Miss Lucas, $2; Mrs. G. A. Rounding, $6.

Any further gifts to relieve the pitiful condition of these little children will be most gratefully received. Picture slides, for use in Sunday schools and for other purposes, can be obtained from the Canadian Armenian Relief Society in Vancouver, Winch Building, 223. Could we see these poor little children, nothing would seem too much for us to do for them, and the happy faces of those who are cared for in the homes would encourage us to place all the others we possibly can there. Any further gifts will be most gratefully received by

(MISS) CAROLINE MACKLEM.
1126 Richardson Street, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 30, 1924.

Riddles and Their Origin

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. T. L. Meyer's letter, I think that, since the publication of the 1826 edition of Byron, it has been established that the lines quoted were written by Miss Catherine Maria Fanshawe, who died in 1834. "Hoyt's Quotations," and also "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations," both credit Miss Fanshawe with authorship; while "Everyman's Dictionary of the English Language" says, "Her best known production is the famous riddle on the letter H, 'Twas whispered in heaven, 'twas muttered in hell,' often attributed to Lord Byron." The lines were originally published anonymously and occasioned much contemporaneous and subsequent discussion; I have no book containing them, and when writing the paper published on Sunday, December 21, found my memory unequal to the task of quoting them in full.

C. L. ROBERTS.
106 St. Andrews Street, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 31, 1924.

Church Union

Sir,—I will esteem it a favor if you can find space for the following letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland on church union, addressed to the minister of old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. I refrain from any comments lest I mar the trenchant power of the letter.

D. FRASER.
615 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, B.C., December 27, 1924.

"The Manse, Hawick, 18-11-24.

"Dear Dr. Scater: It was a great pleasure to me to have a letter from you. Our meeting in St. Andrew's manse here is very vivid in my mind, and I can never forget how greatly my son, and those who were with him, valued your services when you were chaplain at Queensferry. And he and they are only a few of the many who hold you in grateful remembrance for what you meant to them during your ministry on this side.

"I am profoundly thankful that you are taking an active interest in the union of the Canadian churches. One knows the difficulties that beset such a movement and one has to make allowances for those who hold back from it. There is an innate conservatism in all of us, and often this makes us hesitate to change conditions to which we have been accustomed. Not all the children of Israel, doubtless, were eager to obey the divine command to go forward. But the time inevitably comes when that command is seen to be imperative. It has come to us here in Scotland, and because it is heard with open ears, and responsive hearts, we are on the eve of the consummation of many hopes and prayers in the union of our Scottish churches. It has come to you in Canada, and you, I most earnestly trust, are on the eve of even a wider union than we are.

"If we are proud of our Presbyterian churches, surely Methodists and Congregationalists have good reason to be proud of theirs. Their loyalty to the essential things of our common faith has been as noble, and as steadfast, as that of any church in Christendom. And, after all, the things on which we differ are of very small account in comparison with those on which we agree. Surely, in the presence of Christ, our Lord, it is not the intensity with which we hold to "ways of administration"—which never can be regarded as of eternal significance—that determine our relation to Him, or our value in His sight. That is what all of us are coming to see more and more. All over Christendom that is being widely, and still more widely, recognized. And that is what is giving irresistible force to the movement for closer union which is so active in the world today, and especially in Scotland and in Canada. Nothing but good can come of this. What else but good can come to Christian men and women who are seeking the fulfilment of their Lord's Prayer, that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, are in Me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me?

"No one can think the present state of things a happy one. Our divisions are a sore reproach to us. They are a source of weakness, and of wastefulness. And they are utterly unnecessary on any grounds of reasonableness. Instead of presenting a united front in the conflict for truth and righteousness which we are called upon to wage, we are presenting a sadly divided front, and wasting our resources, and frittering away our time. That is indisputable; and it is a strange mentality that would defend it. And just as strange is this mentality that would seek to perpetuate the present state of things, and would not gladly see the end of it, because it is unwilling to sacrifice some old and non-essential things in the interest of the things that are essential and of eternal moment. Surely, in the providence of God, we can conserve all that is best on our non-divided churches for the church that is to be, without lamenting the loss which, in the past, has emphasized and intensified our disunity from our fellow Christians.

"Here, in Scotland, we are watching your movement with intense interest. You are setting an example to the whole Christian world. You are seeking to demonstrate to that world how brethren can dwell in the unity of a common faith, and in undivided loyalty of service to one living and eternal Lord. That is a great and brave enterprise, and in the blessing of God—the God and Father of us all—cannot fail you.

"May all good be with you.

"Ever yours sincerely,

"D. CATHELS."

Oak Bay Ratepayers

Sir,—I regret to see that a meeting of Oak Bay ratepayers has been called for Saturday evening for the reason that Saturday evening finds most of the ratepayers with other engagements, and it is nearly impossible to get a representative meeting on that night. This meeting has not been called by the Resident Ratepayers' Association, and many of them would have attended if the meeting had been on another night than a Saturday.

HERBERT CARMICHAEL.
1256 St. Denis Street, Oak Bay, B.C., Dec. 31, 1924.

Public Market

Sir,—In today's Colonist Mayor Hayward, in dealing with above, states in part that the "Market steadily increases in public favor. All sections show increased revenue. Numerous improvements have been carried out during the year both for the comfort of stallholders and convenience of patrons generally."

In so far as revenue is concerned, I have no doubt that it is a good proposition for the city treasury, but, Mr. Editor, when Mayor Hayward talks of "comfort" and "convenience' surely he can't be serious (unless he refers to a new window put in recently).

In my opinion the Market could be made an even greater asset to both the city and farmer if the authorities would consider the comfort and convenience of the buying public. As it is now, it is nothing but a joke, but not for us stallholders.

ARTHUR CARTER.
Grange Road, R.M.D. 3, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 30, 1924.

UNION OIL COMPANY BUYS BUSINESS SITE

Property, 60 by 70 feet in dimension, at the northeast corner of Yates and Blanshard Streets, was bought yesterday by the Union Oil Company of Canada, through Helsterman, Forman & Co.

The company has no immediate intention of using the land, but has taken advantage of present low realty prices to acquire the site with a view to future expansion.

A bill passed in Great Britain prohibits shipping of feathers into the country, excepting the South African ostrich and eider duck.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of January 1, 1875.)

The steamer Enterprise, with the following passengers, arrived from New Westminster yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock: Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Wise, Miss Wylde, Miss L. Irvine, W. J. Armstrong, Captain Irving, J. McLennan, R. B. Thompson, Messrs. Hammond, Hoffman, Kirkland, Watson, Rodgers and J. Marks.

The steamer Maude, with the following passengers, arrived yesterday morning from Nanaimo and way ports: L. Eckstein, Miss Charles, Miss Greenwood, G. H. Eaton, W. G. Moreu, C. B. Pood, J. Warce, W. Horsford, P. Burdett, Alexander Thomas, Wilson, McMillan, Leggett, Fry, L. C. Calbreath and four others.

Fort Wrangel—Mr. Lewis received a letter from Wrangel, dated December 21, in which the writer advised parties in Victoria to bring their supplies with them when they come in the Spring. One hundred men were Wintering there. At time of writing bacon was selling at 20 cents, butter 75 cents, brown sugar 30 cents, and other things in proportion.

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TORONTO, Dec. 31.—As a result of investigations made by the Agricultural Inquiry Committee of the Ontario Legislature, which revealed that about 25,000,000 pounds of United States bacon was re-exported from Canada and placed on the English market as the best quality of Canadian bacon, a recommendation will be made to the Joint Swine Committee of the Federal House that a distinctive brand be placed on all exportable Canadian bacon.

HOLD CARD PARTY

SLUGGETTS, Dec. 31.—The West Saanich Women's Institute held a military "500" party in the Institute Hall on Monday evening, when 18 tables were engaged in play. Those scoring the highest number of points received turkeys. After refreshments, the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up until a late hour, the music being supplied by Mrs. R. J. Freeland and Mr. H. Rochon. Those receiving prizes were: First, Mrs. Sidney Fox, Mrs. Douglas Prescott, Mr. Sarup and Mr. Bert Fox; second: Mr. J. Holden, Mr. R. Crawford and Miss Starling; third: Mr. T. Haddon, Mr. W. Watt, Mr. F. Lindsay and Mr. Parker.

Hold Christmas Tree

The Baptist Memorial Church held their Christmas tree and Sunday school concert in the church on Tuesday evening. Great credit is due to Mrs. F. T. Tapscott, Mrs. J. W. Sluggett and the older scholars for the splendid entertainment which was held. The proceedings opened with a chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells," by the school. Those taking part were:

Chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells," School; recitation, Daisy Sluggett; recitation, Ileen Peden; recitation, Evelyn Snider; pianoforte solo, Roy Heyer; recitation, Phyllis Sluggett; recitation, Edith Price; recitation, Ronald Mayell; song, Sylvia Petch; recitation, Gordon Sluggett; recitation, Charlie Price; recitation, Alma Sluggett; pianoforte solo, Willie Sluggett; recitation, Muriel Sluggett; recitation, Mary Peden; recitation, Bernard Woodhouse; chorus, "Tell the Story Over Again," School; recitation, Hope Sluggett; solo, Mrs. Tapscott; recitation, Charlie Sluggett; song, "The Christmas Stars," Small Girls; chorus, "Message of Eternal Peace," School; recitation, Bertha Snider; recitation, Willie Sluggett; pianoforte solo, Helen Tapscott; play, "All Aboard," Senior Class.

Mr. Harry Tanner presided and made some encouraging and congratulatory remarks. After the programme was concluded the giving out of presents from the tree took place, each child receiving a present and bag of candy.

OBITUARIES

BURNS—The funeral of the late Mrs. Flora Burns took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, proceeding to the Reformed Episcopal Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. A. de B. Owen, assisted by the Rev. T. Gladstone. There was a very large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral designs were received. The choir was in attendance and rendered the 103d Psalm, also the hymns, "Sleep Thy Last Sleep," and "Unto the Hills Around Do I Lift Up My Longing Eyes." The following acted as pallbearers: Judge A. E. McPhillips, Major C. S. Wilkie, Lindley Crease, T. H. Laundy, Jack O'Reilly and F. W. Godsal. The remains were laid to rest at Royal Oak Burial Park, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Bass, representing the S. P. C. A., attended the service.

CLARK—Service for the late Mr. Joseph Clark will be held in the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Co. Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Alaska Mines Output

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Alaskan mines produced $17,670,000 worth of minerals during 1924, as compared with $20,330,000 during 1923, it is known in an estimate the Geological Survey is preparing for publication in its annual report.

Fighting in China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.—Fighting which began on a small scale near Sunking last Saturday as a result of Chen Lo Shan's revolt against Sun Chuan Feng, military governor of Shekiang, now is becoming more serious. More than 100 casualties occurred Tuesday.

Twenty years ago 23,000 feet elevation was the highest point reached by man on Mount Everest.

FATHER TIME DIES AT NEW YEAR DANCE

HUDSON'S BAY EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE GAYLY

Five Hundred Attend Most Successful Event of Season—Novelty Dances Add to Revelry

Some five hundred people witnessed the advent of the incoming year and the death of Father Time at the Hudson's Bay New Year dance last night. Mr. J. Grant, dressed as Father Time, tolled the bell twelve times and then fell prone on the floor and was carried out by a body of men representing the New Year.

Serpentine and balloon dances preceded the twelve o'clock ceremony, while comedy stunts helped to make the evening the most successful that the Hudson's Bay employees have ever organized. It was announced early in the season that there was a surprise in store for those who attended this dance and those who did go were not disappointed.

An energetic decoration committee had gone to the Alexandra House in the afternoon and transformed the ballroom into one of the most entrancing and colorful settings seen there for some time. Lighting effects changed the sparkling chandeliers into rainbow colors, while the background of green and red harmonized with the illumination. The dining-room, where a splendid supper was served, was also daintily decorated.

Miss Ball's five-piece orchestra was in attendance and all appreciated the dance selections that were rendered.

PRESIDENT SAYS REFEREE WAS O.K.

Richardson Replies to Keats' Criticism of Cook—Assigns Arbiter for Today's Games

CALGARY, Dec. 31.—"I did not agree with Keats that the refereeing of A. B. Cook, an able and impartial official, was not efficient," E. L. Richardson, president of the Western Canada Hockey League, declared here last night, in reply to criticisms made by "Duke" Keats, captain of the Edmonton Eskimos, following their trimming Monday night at the hands of the Tigers.

"Keats," Mr. Richardson said, "asked if it was possible to arrange for a referee not located in Calgary to handle the games between this city and Edmonton. I told him I would consider the matter and communicate my decision to him later. I have since informed him that I have arranged to have Battell handle the game in Edmonton on New Year's Day, with Cook at Regina."

Duncan Seniors Win Basketball Match From 'Varsity Team

DUNCAN, Dec. 30.—The Duncan senior basketball aggregation defeated the 'Varsity boys of Vancouver, in the Agricultural Hall here, last night, by a score of 26 to 20. Throughout the game was exciting and clean. The 'Varsity boys appeared to rely on speed, while the local boys, with their machine-like combination, held them down. The visitors had a goodly supply of spares, and ran them in as fast as one would appear to tire. Only one man on their team played the entire period of the game. Duncan took the lead at the start and made four points, then 'Varsity retaliated and tied the score, after which Duncan forged into the lead, which they never lost, and at half-time the score stood 12 to 8 in their favor.

In the second period, with only about five minutes to go, 'Varsity ran in three baskets in close succession, bringing the score to: Duncan 22, Varsity 20; and the home rooters were tense for a few minutes. It was an exciting stage of the game, but 'Varsity broke then, and Duncan scored and ran into a further lead.

In the preliminary game the Chemainus seniors defeated the local intermediates by 23 to 14.

There was a big turnout to witness the games.

Following the matches the players were entertained to supper, and dancing followed, Miss Bertha Castley supplying the music.

BARROW AT LAST WINS IN REPLAY

Defeats Gillingham Two to One After Five Attempts to Break Tie in English Soccer

LONDON, Dec. 31.—After five attempts to decide which of the two teams, Gillingham or Barrow, should enter the first round of the competition proper of the English Football Association Cup series, Barrow won at Newcross by two goals to one. The teams were meeting in a replayed fourth qualifying round game.

In a friendly match, Manchester United and the Corinthians tied, one goal each.

Portsmouth Services defeated Public Schools in a rugby game, 25-6.

Future of Victoria Is Declared Bright By Lieut.-Governor

THE future has never been brighter for Victoria and British Columbia, says His Honor Walter C. Nichol, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, in a New Year's message to the public.

"Canada," said His Honor, "has come through the aftermath of the Great War with less loss and dislocation than any other country in the world. It is a far cry from this western coast to the prairies of the Middle West, the tremendous diapason at Niagara and the majestic flow of the St. Lawrence; perhaps one needs the eyes of the idealist to sense a true perspective. However that may be, it seems to me as we stand on the threshold of the New Year that the doorway opens on a prospect growing fairer and more prosperous in all directions 'on shores forever fair, under skies forever blue.' Certainly the outlook in Victoria and Vancouver has never seemed brighter. With improving financial conditions, and better prospects for the unemployed, there are few indications of what the sailors call 'dirty weather' ahead.

"Canada is too big and too fine a country for any but a big, fine view to be taken of it. The prairies of the Middle West, populated and cultivated are capable of producing more than a billion dollars' worth of grain every year, and that alone is enough to keep everybody occupied and encouraged from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The United States is filling up so rapidly that it will not be long before Canada has a virtual monopoly of the wheat export trade of the continent.

"We make most of our troubles in life for ourselves and most of them don't happen. We know that smiling skies and the verdure of Spring succeeds the Fall rains and the snows of Winter. So, too, if we get the right mental attitude we can find our way through foggy days and dismal nights, knowing that it can't last. The world has got to go on. If we want a civilized world we must pay the price of civilization. Play the game. If we want Bolshevism it only means going on the rocks, wrecking the ship and reverting to barbarism.

"Keep smiling and play the game and wish each other a Happy New Year, feeling it. Make up your mind to try and help to make it a Happy New Year for them. Some people go through life doing their daily dozen of good deeds and spreading sunshine everywhere they go. It's the best way to live. Let us all try it and see.

"From my heart I wish the people of Canada from one end to the other the happiest, most prosperous and joyous year they have ever known."

London Promoters Are Trying to Negotiate Gibbons-Firpo Match

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Negotiations for the proposed Gibbons-Firpo match in London in March are in the hands of Thomas Rice, sporting writer of The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, and American representative of the National Sporting Club. Rice, according to The Eagle, sailed from England yesterday for the United States, with authority to sign Gibbons to a contract. Previously he visited Firpo in Paris and obtained his oral consent to the match.

In addition to the $100,000 purse put up for the fight, London promoters will provide a $1,000 belt for the victor.

LAHOOD, OF BUTTE, IS FOLEY'S NEXT

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Dixie Lahood, of Butte, Mont., Intermountain bantamweight champion, will box Vic Foley, Canadian titleholder, in a six-round main event of next week's card at Crystal Pool.

Lahood has knocked out recently Elly Mascot, Eddie Nell, Tim O'Dowd and others.

Foley will not be meeting any battle-scarred veteran in Lahood, as the latter is younger than he is. The Butte boy has made several trips to Los Angeles the past two years, taking part in fourteen or fifteen fights in Southern California.

MORGAN BEAT SNELL IN SEATTLE RING

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Tod Morgan, Pacific Coast featherweight champion, defeated Doc Snell, of Tacoma, in a fast six-round bout here last night. Snell put up a stubborn battle and took two of the six rounds, one was even and the other three went to the flashy Morgan.

Kid Johnson, Olympia welterweight, won a six-round decision over Freddie Mack, of Seattle. Young Peter Jackson, Portland light-heavyweight, won a four-round call over Rube Finn, of Seattle; Bud Bercot, Seattle bantamweight, knocked out Al Gallagher, of Bellingham, in the first round; while Norman Wilson, of Moose Jaw, defeated Sammy Cimicella, of Youngstown, Ohio, in four rounds.

Five Cent Gee-Gee Goes Up in Price

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—Bought two years ago for five cents, Pete Gireen, bay gelding, capable of stepping a mile in 2:06, has been sold for $3,700, Walter Candler, local horseman, announced. Gus Coggins offered to give the horse to Candler, but the latter refused to accept the gift without some remuneration. So he paid five cents for the horse.

CEDAR HILL LINKS OPEN

The Cedar Hill golf links will be reopened for play today following a few days' closure on account of the frost.

ESQUIMALT FOOTBALL

The Esquimalt Football Club is holding a meeting at the Sailors' Club on Friday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. sharp, when all players and supporters are invited to be present.

France has an exceedingly light foreign population.

Latest Device for Drying Hair

This electrodome does away with the laborious rubbing and toasting of the hair in front of the fire. It only takes a few minutes to thoroughly dry the young lady's hair, so that when she wants to get "fussed up" in a hurry she can curl and dry her hair in a few minutes. This photograph shows the inventor of the electrodome, Mrs. Lillie Rae, and a manequin using the apparatus.

BOY PARLIAMENT ENDS ITS SESSION

PROROGATION OCCURS AT 10:30 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT

Many New Regulations and Resolutions Passed During Gathering at Government Buildings

At 10:30 o'clock last night the second session of the Boys' Parliament of British Columbia wound up its deliberations, which have extended over a three-day period, and prorogued. The concluding ceremonies were carried out with the exactitude of those observed in the Provincial Legislature. Mr. F. A. Pauline acting in the role of "Lieutenant-Governor."

Considerable business was transacted during the session of Parliament, many new regulations being adopted. One of the most important of the "bills" passed was one introduced by Elmer Speer, Minister of Physical Affairs, entitled the Provincal C.S.E.T. Athletic Contest Act, dealing with the Tuxis Boys' programme of sports. The bill added four events to the list, a 220-yard race, half-mile race, and hop-step-and-jump. A motion to eliminate the sixty-yard potato race and the running broad jump was defeated. A motion to add the hop-step-and-jump to the programme of the Trail Rangers was carried, but defeat met an effort to eliminate the running broad jump. It was decided to delete the shot-put from the list.

Walter S. Owen, Premier, introduced a bill entitled the Fourfold Development Act, its purpose being to grade the various groups of boys. It was given the approval of the House.

Considerable discussion occurred relative to a resolution emphasizing the importance of sex education in schools, and when put to a vote the motion was defeated. It was argued by those opposed to the measure that the Provincial Department of Education understood the question and would not require recommendations to properly deal with it.

A resolution that the C.S.E.T. year be changed so that in future it would begin on September 1 and end on Aug. 31, was passed. A resolution that a session of the Parliament be held at the Summer camp was defeated, twenty-eight to two. Defeat also met a resolution calling for the establishment of a "safety first" week. Approval of the House was given the supply bill, a bill respecting the three C's, the British Columbia C.S.E.T. Recognition Act, and a bill to amend the Provincial Parliament Act.

A bill entitled the Party System of Elections Act, was withdrawn.

FORD AGENCIES TO BE CONSOLIDATED

NATIONAL MOTOR COMPANY TO ABSORB REVERCOMB'S

Will Be Sole Agents for Ford Motor Company in Victoria—Change Effective Immediately

The Revercomb Motors, Limited, will be absorbed forthwith by the National Motor Company, it was announced yesterday, and the latter company will have the sole Ford agency in the city in future.

Passing of the Revercomb Motors, Limited, marks the retirement from the local automobile field, temporarily at least, of one of the best-known firms in the industry here.

The Nattonal Motor Company was recently acquired by Mr. Launcelot deS. Duke and a group of associates. It has specialized since with signal success in the distribution of Ford cars and the merchandising of Ford parts and accessories.

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD

The Emmanuel Baptist Sunday school held its annual banquet and Christmas tree entertainment on Tuesday evening. About 150 sat down to the supper which had been prepared by the Ladies' Aid under the supervision of Mrs. D. L. MacLaurin. The Sunday schoolroom had been decorated for the occasion by Miss Ivy Clapham, Mr. Dan Parfitt and Mr. Frank Waites. The tables were prettily decorated with minute Christmas trees and red streamers by Miss Nellie Parfitt. Short speeches were given by Mr. Wm. Marchant and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Knox, both of whom spoke on the work of the Sunday school.

A large gathering of parents and friends was present at the entertainment. A cantata, "Wonderful Tidings," was rendered by the school. The singing of each item was splendid and showed careful training under the leadership of Mr. Fred Parfitt. In addition to the cantata several class items were given, including recitations and dialogues, all of which were well rendered. The primary department greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening by two action songs, a dialogue and two recitations. The superintendent, Mr. W. Parker, was the chairman. The Sunday school orchestra was also in attendance and played a selection. A visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of presents brought to a close a very delightful evening.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The party system of selecting candidates for the premiership received its death blow at today's session of the Older Boys' Parliament. The bill to amend the constitution passed unanimously providing that from three to five candidates be chosen in general caucus, the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes to head the government, and the runner-up to head the opposition.

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A hand concert by the Navy League Sea Cadets' Band, under direction of Albert Rumsby, will be a feature of the evening events at the Y.M.C.A. "open house" today.

The music and gymnastic programme, which will be given in the afternoon, will be as follows:

Musical numbers by "Carry On" Orchestra, assisted by Mrs. A. Dowell, soprano.

Overture—"Light Cavalry" ..Von Suppe
Gavotte ....."Carry On" Orchestra
Waltz Song—"Il Bacio" .....Arditi
Mrs. Dowell
Mat Drill and Pyramids
.....School Boys' Leaders' Corps
Violin Solo .....Mr. Burchett
Side Horse
..Employed Boys' Leaders' Corps
Vocal Solo (with flute obligato)—
"Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark" ..Bishop
Mrs. Dowell
Flautist, Mr. H. Jones
Tumbling .....The Bouncing Four
Song—"One Fleeting Hour"
.....Dorothy Lee
Mrs. Dowell
Violin Obligato, Mr. Jenkinson
Parallel Bars..Senior Leaders' Corps
Carols ....Christ Church Cathedral
Boys' Choir
Orchestra Sketch (Popular)
....."Carry On" Orchestra

City and District

Victoria in 1925—Rev. Dr. Clem Davies will speak on "Victoria in 1925," at the City Temple on Sunday.

Reopening Classes—Mrs. Simpson is reopening her classes at St. Mary's Hall, and is planning to hold a carnival dance on Wednesday, January 7.

At St. John's—Today there will be two services at St. John's Church, Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Esquimalt W.I.—The Esquimalt Women's Institute will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on January 15, at the Parish room, St. Paul's Garrison Church.

King's Daughters—A meeting of the Ministering Circle, King's Daughters, will be held in the Rest Rooms, Hibben-Bone Building, on Friday, at 3 p.m.

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Marigold Party—The Garden City Women's Institute will hold their usual "500" drive Friday in the Marigold Hall at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to members and friends in the district.

New Year's Dance—St. Paul's Tennis Club, Esquimalt, has arranged a New Year's dance to take place on January 6, at the Assembly Hall. Ozard's orchestra has been engaged and refreshments will be served.

Today's Car Service—The street car service on New Year's Day will commence on the customary Sunday morning schedule. Cars will run at night up to the usual week-night hour.

Holding Children's Party — The Scottish Daughters are giving a children's New Year party on Friday, January 2, in the Sailor's Club. The children of all members are invited to meet Santa Claus. Tea will be served at 6 o'clock.

At St. Andrew's—The usual New Year's service will be held in St. Andrew's Church this morning at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. Simon Fraser, of Trinidad, will deliver a "New Year's Message From the Foreign Field."

Scots to Dance—The Scottish dance arranged by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society today in the K. of P. Hall, has every indication of being a most popular affair. Clcassian circles, quarilles, "Flowers of Edinburgh," etc, will be danced during the evening.

Concert for Unemployed—The concert for the benefit of Victoria's unemployed, which was postponed several days ago, will be held at the Community Church (Variety Theatre) on Monday evening. Tickets for the show previously announced will be honored.

Lake Hill Centre — The annual meeting of the Lake Hill Community Centre will be held in the Community Hall, Quadra Street, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when the election of officers for the coming year and other business will be transacted. All members should make a point of attending the meeting.

Salvation Army Gift—The Salvation Army Subscribers Department on Vanvouver Island, represented by Ensign Fox (recently appointed) is the happy recipient of a nice Ford Coupe, which has been presented by a friend who fully recognizes tha value of the work carried on by this organization. The presentation was made expressly for use in this department.

T.B. Veterans—Tuberculous veterans and T.B. patients at the Jubilee Hospital are cordially invited to attend a banquet under the auspices of the T.B. committee (Victoria Women's Institute), which will be held in Room 5, Surrey Block, on Monday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. The committee is desirous that the names of all those who have accepted the invitation will be submitted to the T.V.A. secretary, Room 22, P. R. Brown Block, Broad Street, or by phoning 6517R not later than today.

Wins at Poultry Show—Mr. A. Adams, of 3290 Dublin Street, returned home from Seattle with two prizes, won at the recent big Seattle poultry show. He won first and second prizes with two White Leghorn pullets. There were over 1,000 birds at this show, the class in which Mr. Adams exhibited being judged by Professor J. S. Carver, of the State of Washington Agricultural College. Mr. Adams is very gratified at his success at such an important show, especially as this is only his second year of exhibiting poultry.

Given Three Months—Yesterday morning Magistrate Jay disposed of the case brought before him last week of Rex vs. Parkinson and Bullock. The two were charged with having stolen goods in their possession. The magistrate found them guilty, believing that they knew that the articles were stolen. Parkinson was given three months in jail, while in the case of Bullock, a young man, the magistrate allowed him his freedom on suspandad sentence, requiring him to report monthly to the police for the next six months. The court said that it appeared that Bullock was under the influence of the older man and advised him to reform his ways.

Progressive Conservatives — The Women's Progressive Conservative Club held its weekly social at the Conservative headquarters, Campbell Building, on Monday last. There was a large crowd, 45 tables being in play. The winners were: First table, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Anscomb and Mr. and Mrs. Newberry; second, Mrs. Heinskie, Miss Kay, Miss Moseley and Mr. Heinskie; third, Mrs. Denyer, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Guptill and Mrs. Cronk. Ten-bid, Mrs. Hoiness and Mr. Grice. A large number of young people called after the cards and joined in the dance. Professor Findler played some excellent numbers, which were much enjoyed. On Monday next, January 5, the club will hold another military five hundred and dance at the Conservative rooms and eighteen good scrips will be given as prizes. Stsangers are cordially invited.

Saanich Council—A regular business session of the Saanich Council will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak. One of the matters that will be given consideration is the local improvement by-law calling for the construction of a sidewalk on North Quadra Street from Tolmie Avenue to the North Dairy School, which will be submitted to the ratcpayers in the area affected at the coming municipal election.

A London Letter

Christmas Novelties — Influence of Doll's House—Canadian Baritone Wins Favor—Supper at the Trocadero

(By Elizabeth Montizambert)

Certain sections of the shops at this season would make Gulliver think that he had wandered back to Lilliputia, for the Christmas toys are arranged in an amusingly unconscious imitation of the grown-up part of the shop. In Lilliputia there is a china department where the latest thing in teasets and toiletware are shown, a hardware department specially devoted to pots and pans for the doll's house. Another section is reserved for the Zoo, which is arranged according to species in the most approved way, the Teddy bears, the plush monkeys, the cats and the velvet elephants all keeping themselves to themselves on different counters. The future inhabitants of the dolls' houses are also segregated according to type, the doll babies look open-eyed at the ladies with orange silk hair that looks as if they had come from Montmartre, as quite possible they have. One of the most charming things about a stroll in the shops just now is the kindness with which the poorer children who have the temerity to stray in are treated. I saw three mites holding tightly to each other's chubby hands marching along the velvet-piled carpet of one of the big shops. Obviously they had no money to spend. They had come to inspect, and no one said them nay. In the book department the friends of one's childhood still hold first place. No one has yet arisen with power to displace Miss Alcott, Mrs. Ewing, Charles Kingsley or Mrs. Molesworth, but I notice that the Annual magazines have shrunk a little in size, as if to compete with the more modern upstarts who enlist the help of famous novelists, as if the writer of a "best seller" for Olympians, were the way to a child's heart.

One has to be very wary this Christmas to avoid the pitfall of giving an advertisement for a Christmas present. The wily manufacturer has added a new terror to shopping by putting on the market, in the ordinary way, charming gifts that are really disguised as advertisements for their own particular merchandise. You see a delightful child's painting book and buy it before discovering that the doll's dresses are all made of the printed cottons of a well-known firm, who blandly issues the book. When you discover that attractive leather diarias contain propaganda for the supplies of a photographing firm, you begin to suspect everything, and your brain gets as befogged as the weather.

The influence of the Queen's Dolls' House on the Christmas toys has been enormous, and dolls' houses are so numerous that Santa Claus has grumbled at the difficulty of getting them into his sack. All the toymakers who had the honor of supplying anything to the Queen's Dolls' House are showing tiny replicas of their work, and the Queen has given permission for a miniature dolls' house to be sold as a bank for savings, some of which will probably be devoted to her favorite charities. The fog seemed to have no effect on the Christmas shopping, and the ship that sailed to "Treasure Island," the good ship "Hispaniola," anchored at one of the big Kensington shops, was just as crowded with merry young pirates, eager for adventure, as if they sailed a blue sea under a sunny sky.

Mrs. Phillip Snowden addressed the members of the Soroptimist Club at their weekly luncheon yesterday, and told me afterwards that she is looking forward with the greatest enthusiasm to her Canadian trip. It was the first time that I had heard this brilliant woman speak in public. I had heard so much of her fluency and able marshalling of facts, that I was cynically prepared to be disappointed, and agreeably surprised to find there was no need. Mrs. Snowden speaks with the practised ease of a born orator, and she has the additional assets of a melodious voice, and an excellent memory, allied to a capacity for lucid reasoning, and that inimitable ability to slide convincingly over controversial pitfalls. Her topic yesterday was the "World Problem," and with that fair-minded "sweet reasonableness" which is one of Mrs. Snowden's most powerful weapons, she acknowledged that nothing but method in the manner of solving the difficult problem confronting Great Britain, divided the political parties whose aims were surely the same. Mrs. Snowden said that she never regarded parties, not even her own, as ends in themselves only as means to an end, and that if they failed to achieve their ends, they should give way to another organization. She passionately denied that British Socialists in the Labor movement had ever been associated with the Third Internationale, the Russian more rabid offshoot of the Second Internationale, and she likened the more hot-headed members of the Labor party, rather amusingly, to ignorant members of a Salvation Army, who have seen a vision, and talk very loudly at street corners of their experience, without any real knowledge. It was on commenting on the numerical smallness of the powerful band in Russia, who have brought that great country to disaster, that Mrs. Snowden unconsciously laid her finger on the cause for the undoubted fear lest an equally small minority in this country, should ever obtain the power to work their will, in spite of the saner, wiser councils of such moderate members of the Labor party as Mr. and Mrs. Philip Snowden, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Walsh, etc. But, as political arguments are forbidden by the rules of the Soroptimist Club, no one suggested this point of view.

Mr. Earle Spicer, the Canadian baritone, had a very crowded audience at Norfolk House yesterday, when he and the Russian pianist, Prince George Chavchavadze, and Mr. Lawrence Browne, the composer of the "Negro Spirituels," gave an hour to music. Mr. Spicer began his programme with some old Italian songs, followed by an old Breton "Angelus," a Somerset folk song, and three German songs by Erich Wooiff. His sympathetic voice was well adapted to the modern songs of Herbert Hughes and Walter Morse Rummel, and the programme ended with five negro spirituels, arranged by Lawrence Browne, and accompanied by the composer Prince Chavchavadze, whose youth makes his achievements the more noteworthy, followed Mr. Spicer's example by passing from the Italian Scariatti to Mendelssohn and Brahms. Among those who took tickets for the concert were the Duchess of Norfolk, the Duchess of Devonshire, Prince Paul Chavchavadze, and Princess Nina, the Countess of Bathurst, Countess of Strafford, Mrs. Lionel Bulteel, Countess Cowley, Countess of Sandwich, Baron D'Erlanger, Sir John and Lady Meilor, Lady Twining and Princess Galatzin, Mrs. Fordham, of Vancouver, and Mrs. John MacCormac. Mr. Spicer is singing in Brighton this week, and leaves early in January for a tour all through Canada, where he will sing in all the principal cities. He will be accompanied by Prince Chavchavadze as pianist.

London Theatres

"No Man's Land," the new play at the St. Martin's, is another of those importations from the French that English managers inappropriately persist in presenting to their audiences with an English cast. The author is the well-known French playwright, the Vicomte Francois de Curel, who has set the action of his play in his native Lorraine. "No Man's Land" is a war play, where a French spy returns, on business, to his mother's Lorraine farm, to find that a high-born German lady, who sees through his disguise at once, has been billeted upon her. The rest of the play is occupied by the ebb and flow of desire and patriotism batween the soldier and the woman, until the mother sacrifices herself for her country and her son by killing the fascinating stranger intent on their destruction. Miss Betty Ross Clarke looked charming, but I imagine her acquaintance with high-born German ladies is very slight. Mr. Malcolm Keen, who is a thoroughly competent actor, is too typically English to be asked to play a French part, but Miss Haidee Wright showed us once more that art has no country, for she dominated the stage as long as she was on it, and gave an unforgettable rendering of the old mother. Mr. Kenneth Kent, in a minor part as the second spy, did an extraordinarily good piece of work.

Having supper at the Trocadero is a novel experience since last Monday, for you get a portmanteau entertainment. Mr. C. B. Cochran, undaunted by adversity, and with a courage that everyone applauds, has produced in these unusual surroundings, a potted edition of the ballet "Coppalia," danced by Miss Lena King and Monsieur George Kyasht. Miss King is one of the rapidly increasing group of English dancers of the first rank, including Madame Bokolova, Nina de Valois, Yvonne Daunt and Phyllis Bedells, and she follows the sensible example of the two last named in keeping her English name. "Coppelia," like the "Cimarosiana," produced by M. Diaghilav at the Coliseum, has the "decor" designed by a Spanish artist, but while the Russian producer has enlisted the services of that meteoric painter, Yose Maria Sert, who designed the much-talked-of music-room of Sir Philip Sassoon, "Coppelia" owes much of its charm to the setting by Gustavo Bacarisas. The well-known ballet takes on an added charm from the intimacy of a tiny stage, and one only regrets the necessity of dividing one's attention between the exquisite dancing and delicate rhythmic colors, and such prosaic things as champagne and oysters. A ballet in a grillroom sounds incongruous, but Mr. Cochran's achievement is so perfect that the Trocadero may soon rival the Berkeley or the Ritz, or even the Embassy Club.

There are two films being shown at the moment that ought to do good propaganda work for that form of amusement, among the people who say, with a superior air, "I never go to the cinema"; one of them is "Zeebrugge," at the Marble Arch Pavilion, where you have to book your seat ahead, and the other is the new Everest film at the Scala Theatre. Following the example of the producers of the "Covered Wagon," who imported North American Indians to act as a sort of Greek chorus to the film, the Everest producers are presenting the "Epic of Everest," preceded by songs and dances given by seven native Tibetans in costume. Captain Noel has photographed almost every step of the Everest expedition up to the last view of the two mountaineers who lost their lives when so near their goal.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 31, 1924.

SYNOPSIS

An ocean storm is spreading inland over Northern British Columbia, and high southerly winds may become general. Zero temperatures continue on the Prairies.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	44
Vancouver	40	44
Kamloops	18	29
Prince Rupert	40	44
Estevan	44	46
Atlin	14b	4
Dawson, Y.T.	34b	24b
Calgary, Alta.	6b	8
Winnipeg, Man.	26b	6b
Portland, Ore.	38	44
San Francisco, Cal.	48	54
Seattle, Wash.	42	46
Penticton	22	32
Vernon	24	33
Grand Forks	14	29
Nelson	20	30
Cranbrook	15	22
Edmonton, Alta.	14b	8
Prince Albert, Sask.	40b	9b

WEDNESDAY

Maximum	44
Minimum	42
Average	43
Minimum on the grass	40

Rain, .01 inch.

General state of the weather, rain.

5.00 P.M. Weather Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 29.97; wind, E., 4 miles; rain, trace; raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.94, wind, S.E., 6 miles; rain, .02 inch; raining.

Kamloops — Barometer, 30.02; calm; cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.46, wind, S.E., 14 miles; rain, .06 inch; cloudy.

Estevan—Barometer, 29.84; wind, S.E., 14 miles; rain, .54 inch; raining.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.89; wind, E., 16 miles, rain, .10 inch; raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.04; wind, S.E., 4 miles; rain, .14 inch; raining.

Seattle, Wash.—Barometer, 30.04, wind, E., 4 miles; rain, .08 inch, raining.

San Francisco, Cal.—Barometer, 30.14, wind, S.E., 4 miles, cloudy.

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T. H. Georges, his doubles partner, and one of the most stalwart players in the game, will also likely enter.

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STEADY RECOVERY SHOWN BY 1924 BUSINESS IN CANADA

Business

Security Prices Up as Money Rates Go Down — Trend Shown During Past Year—Bond Borrowings Heavy

Bond Business Shows Steady Expansion in British Columbia During the Year Just Closed

CANADA DOES MUCH FINANCING AT HOME

President of Provincial Bond Dealers' Association Gives Review of Situation on This Coast

ANALYSIS of Canadian bond sales for 1924 to December 23 shows that the Dominion is still doing most of its own financing. Sales of bonds to that date are as follows:

Government	$243,991,400
Municipal	90,947,324
Corporation	65,095,299
Railroad	161,125,000
Total	$561,159,023

Of this total Canada, the United States, and Great Britain have absorbed the following amounts:

Canada	$345,452,270
United States	211,956,753
Great Britain	3,750,000

Canada bought $124,430,400 of government issues, and the United States $119,561,000. Of municipal issues Canada took $69,234,571, while the United States absorbed $21,712,-753. In regard to corporation bonds, Canada bought $51,787,299, and the United States $13,308,000. Railway issues were the only ones in which Great Britain participated, the relative amounts taken being, Canada, $100,000,000; United States, $57,375,-000, and Great Britain, $3,750,000.

Bond President's Survey

Mr. Stanley Burke president of the British Columbia Bond Dealers' Association, gives the following review of the bond business in Vancouver:

"The bond business in British Columbia has, within the past few years, assumed substantial proportions, and is steadily growing, which is a natural and highly satisfactory development. Investors have recently been giving more attention to municipal and high-grade industrial securities. This is partly due to the fact that the prices of Dominion and Provincial bonds have now reached a point where the yields from them are not very attractive, and partly because the investor is becoming better acquainted with these other fields for investment. It is to be remembered that conservative investment in British Columbia is a comparatively recent development. Bond investment in volume in our province commenced with the vigorous Victory loan campaign. Prior to that most of the available funds were placed in real estate, real estate investment companies and mortgages, all or mostly all, at inflated land values and with sometimes disastrous results.

Money for Business

"Some fear is expressed that too much money is being taken from business and locked up in bonds. It is true that some funds which might have remained in business or have been placed in new ventures have been attracted by the high yields. However, the bulk is made up of savings and trust funds, which should not be risked in other ways. It is to be remembered that if bonds have received more attention than is economically warranted, the bonds are liquid and the money is, therefore, still intact and available for other purposes whenever sufficiently attractive opportunities present themselves. Ample funds appear to be procurable both for mortgages and speculative ventures; in fact, it is frequently difficult to find outlets for these funds.

Local Demand Good

"It is gratifying to find that the local demand for B.C. municipal bonds has been sufficiently strong to establish here a primary market for these securities, making it possible for our municipalities to borrow more cheaply than they otherwise could. This is partly because our municipalities have not for many years now been heavy borrowers. The result of this situation is that most of our municipalities, despite the heavy burdens arising out of the war period, have greatly strengthened their finances. This is particularly noteworthy of Vancouver City, which is climbing to an enviable position financially. It is to be hoped that this cautious attitude towards borrowing will continue, but, of course, it should not be overdone.

"Our province has, on the other hand, like the Dominion and most of the other provinces, been a heavy borrower, but unlike them, it has set up a substantial sinking fund for the retirement of its obligations; also, those in charge at Victoria used much foresight in placing mostly short-term bonds when rates were high.

A.O.F. ENTERTAINMENT

Juvenile Courts Canada and Excelsior, A.O.F., held their annual grand banquet and entertainment at the Foresters' Hall, when nearly one hundred members sat down to a bountiful feast set on beautifully decorated tables. The arrangements were in the hands of the ladies of the adult management committee under the able convenership of Sister T. L. Toye.

The banquet was followed by the regular business meeting of the two courts, after which a splendid entertainment was enjoyed by all present. Farmer's Punch and Judy show was a decided hit with the youngsters, as was also Professor Merryfield's conjuring and sleight of hand tricks. Other items on the programme included pianoforte solos by Sisters Irene Gilchrist and Jean Bruce; duet by the Brothers Robert and Walter Ward; recitations by little Monty Gilchrist and Sister Beatrice Peacock, and a Spanish dance by Sister Lilian Toye and Evelyn Hibbert. Speeches appropriate to the occasion and season by Sister J. Pilgrim, Brother Russell and others brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

Reindeer meat from Alaska is sold in many cities of the United States.

The investment trend of the year has been distinctly and pretty steadily to lower levels almost to the close. The natural result has been higher prices, particularly for government, municipal and the better industrial bonds and high-class stocks with assured dividends. This is illustrated by the fact that the return to the investor on government bonds, which may be regarded as a key to the general situation, fell to around 4 4-5 per cent, while at the peak of the post-war movement to high interest returns the showing was about 6 1-3 per cent. The following summary is indicative of the year's trend:

	1924 High	Low	Jan. 1	Now
Industrial Stocks	77.0	61.7	63.2	70.7
Victory Bonds	104.90	102.40	102.90	103.96
Industrial Bonds	99	94	96	98

As the interest return declined and there was no evidence that the large supplies of money were being absorbed the opinion grew in some quarters in the financial world that this would continue until a pre-war basis of 4½ per cent money was reached. However, towards the end of the year the indications of improving business with demands for larger commercial credits, the stock market requirements for the speculative boom based thereon, and the flotation of foreign securities at prices to show a return materially above domestic issues, had the effect of checking the decline and the opinion has since grown that, in view of the financial requirements for Europe, lower money rates are not to be looked for at this time.

The bond financing of the year promises to reach a total volume of $600,000,000—The Financial Post estimates over $580,000,000 to date. This shows an increase of $100,000,-000 or more as compared with a year ago. In fact, each succeeding year since 1920, when a high record of $1,-000,000,000 was established at the peak of war financing, has shown a big increase from the depressed level of 1921.

Effect of Education

The absorption of securities by Canadian investors has indicated both a great supply of funds and an appreciation of sound securities which reflects the educational campaigns of the war-time Victory issues. The latter is perhaps a more favorable factor than the former, for the availability of funds for security investment is taken to reflect a lack of satisfactory speculative opportunities in business. The signal success of the C.P.R. $30,000,000 loan—the largest corporation issue ever floated in Canada—is a case in point. The proportion of issues sold in Canada as compared with the United States was not so large as in the previous year, the exchange rate having been a factor in favor of the American market until near the close of the year.

On the stock markets a distinctly upward swing started about mid-year and towards the close the bull movement in Wall Street added momentum to the advance. It is evident that the Canadian market has lagged behind the American on this rise, although feeling the speculative influences at work and for this reason it is felt that there is not the same danger of a break as is now being pointed out by some of the more conservative houses in New York which express the view that even though the movement may be carried much higher, it is of a distinctly speculative character. And it is always well to remember that experience teaches that the market rise stops long before the rise in business which it usually so correctly discounts.

Trade and Agriculture Were Quicker Than Industry in Swinging Back Into Upward Trend During Year

LARGE SPRING ORDERS ARE FULL OF PROMISE

Reduced Stocks and Higher Prices Are Facilitating the Revival of Manufacturing Trades

THE year 1924 will be marked in Canadian business annals as a period of gradual though by no means sensational expansion. The year has been a failure if we judge by the early forecasts of certain professional business prophets. On the other hand, the doleful opinions of the pessimists have been utterly disqualified. The truth is midway between the two extremes. Commerce has been building gradually on a firm foundation which is infinitely better for the country than a business boom. Agriculture has had a singularly successful year, and industry is becoming adjusted to the changed set of conditions which have to be faced. We have not achieved that degree of industrial expansion experienced by the United States, nor have we to fear the degree of reaction which seems invariably to succeed these rapid upward movements.

The actual contribution made by 1923 towards commercial and industrial progress must be taken into account in any attempt to characterize the present position of business and to judge of the probable trend of conditions during the coming months. The agricultural situation offers the greatest degree of encouragement. The rise in grain prices has brought about an adjustment between the farmer's position and that of the industrial and professional groups, which was a necessary prelude to business recovery. It is difficult to measure the full importance of this situation in a gradually rising grain market. The Bureau of Statistics estimates the value of the principal crops of Canada at $948,663,200, but this total represents the value to the farmer only and is therefore much below the market value of the crop, which is really the pertinent figure in so far as business is concerned. Grades of wheat, incidentally, have been rather low. During November only about 54 per cent of the Western inspections graded No. 3 Northern or better, as compared with 84¾ per cent during the corresponding period last year.

Foreign Trade Revival

The next most important contribution of the year was the revival in foreign trade. During the second half of the year there was a steady advance in exports and a limitation in the volume of goods bought from other countries. This places Canada in a favorable position with relation to the balance of trade and exchange. It is true, of course, that the decline in imports is due partly to the slackening in the purchase of raw materials for use in industry, as a result of industrial depression, but the present state of industry indicates that this is a temporary situation only.

In general, the year has been somewhat disappointing from the standpoint of the manufacturers. The burden of taxation has been such as to impede progress in this field particularly. Foreign purchasing power has been low, and Canadian manufacturers have found it difficult to compete with rivals in countries where the standard of living is lower and where a production lowers overhead costs. Notwithstanding these handicaps there has been a definite improvement during the past month. A number of manufacturing plants are speeding up, nearer capacity. A leading corporation in one of the basic industries reports profits much larger than those of 1923, and is planning to double the 1924 output during the coming year. Stocks are low and the outlook in many of the industries is brighter than at any time since 1920.

In general business, indications of revival abound. Spring orders in dry goods are reported to be larger than those of last year. The clothing trades are doing a larger volume of business than for some months. Increased building is under way and this has enlarged the volume of hardware business. There is much less unemployment than was forecast some months ago and a general strengthening of confidence has done much to pave the way for genuine business expansion.

NANAIMO CHIEF SURE OF WATSON

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is said. The slips given the first and third speeders he is reported to have produced, but having given Watson none, he was able to prove that he saw Watson only by his remembrance that he stopped Watson between the times he issued the two slips.

Counsel Defer Action

Of counsel for the five suspects, only Attorney George H. Crandall, appearing for Watson, went into the Superior Court here today on a motion to be admitted to bail. Judge Mitchell Gilliam fixed the time for hearing the motion at 9:30 Friday morning. Attorneys for the other suspects changed their plans and did not appear.

Crandall's motion was brief, asserting that "under the laws of the United States of America, your petitioner is entitled to bail," pending the hearing upon the warrant for arrest, charging him with being a fugitive from justice and with the crime of robbery in British Columbia. The petition asks that the bail be fixed "at a reasonable amount."

Search is being made, it was learned today, for a safety deposit box whose key was found in possession of Clarence H. Schivley, former Seattle policeman, and one of the suspects, in whose boat, the El Toro, the bandits are believed to have escaped from Nanaimo to the Mainland at Bellingham. Two such keys were found in Schivley's ranch after his arrest. One he willingly told them was for a box in Seattle, but the other was not known positively until yesterday to be a deposit box key. If found, the second box will be searched in the hope of finding some of the $35,000 still unrecovered of the loot.

MASQUERADE TONIGHT

The masquerade dance to be held tonight in the Empress Hotel ballroom under the auspices of the C. P. R. Social Club promises to be a huge success. The tickets are being rapidly bought up. Oxard's orchestra will supply the latest dance music from 9 till 2, except for a short interval, when a buffet supper will be served in the main dining-room. Reservations can still be made by phoning J. W. Phillips, No. 4127Y, or F. G. Mulliner, No. 5149Y.

FEDERAL MINISTER ON VISIT TO CITY

Hon. H. B. McGivern, Minister Without Portfolio in Federal Cabinet, Visits Victoria

The Hon. H. B. McGivern, minister without portfolio in the Federal Cabinet, accompanied by Mrs. McGivern, arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa for a brief visit. They are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Before entering upon his political career, Mr. McGivern was one of the most noted football players in Eastern Canada. He was captain and later president of the Ottawa Football Club ("The Rough Riders"), which held the football championship of Canada. For several years he was president of the Ottawa Cricket Club, and for a period of five years captained the Canadian international cricket team. He has been president of the Canadian Cricket Association, and in 1908 was appointed Canadian member of the Olympic Games committee.

Mr. McGivern was called to the Ontario bar in 1893, and for some years was counsel in Canada for the Great Northern Railway. He was first elected to the House of Commons for Ottawa in 1908. He entered the Federal Cabinet about two years ago.

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A ROYAL welcome to the New Year, and a happy farewell to the old year was given by the 600 or 700 guests who assembled last night at the Empress Hotel, attending one of the most delightful dances ever given there. The immense throng of guests present created a record attendance for the Empress Hotel New Year's Eve ball, and the pleasant anticipation which attracted so many guests was more than justified through the splendid management of the staff of the hotel.

Appropriate and effective decorations were employed in the rotunda, ballroom and dining-room, and the scene was one of animated gaiety, with the brilliant colors of the ladies' gowns against a charming setting of greenery, branches of fir and cedar, forming a picturesque background.

Graceful streamers composed of fir were hung across the ceiling of the rotunda, while the scarlet-shaded lights of the ballroom were charmingly decorated with cedar fronds, the side lights of the hall being banked with greenery, and emerging from baskets of foliage and poinsettias. Gaily colored balloons, and other Yuletide favors also formed a large part of the decorative scheme, giving the ensemble an exceedingly festive and carnival appearance.

The Empress Hotel Orchestra, under the baton of Professor Lou Turner, supplied an exceptionally pleasing musical programme, and the musicians were most generous with the insistent calls for encores.

The dining-room was charmingly arranged with greenery, while the many supper tables were prettily decorated with holly, and Christmas crackers and favors. A large table, with covers laid for twenty-six guests, was arranged with scarlet carnations, giving a bright touch of color to the scene. So many table reservations had been made that the rotunda was also pressed into use to accommodate the guests, and all but a narrow entrance to the ballroom and dining-room was screened off for the supper tables. The writing-room was also thrown into use for the dancers, while the palmroom was used as a rendezvous for the numerous parties.

Just as the old year, with all its joys and sorrows passed away and the New Year dawned, the lights went out, and after the orchestra had played the National Anthem all joined in the singing of "For Auld Lang Syne," and later, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Among the many present were Mrs. C. F. Armstrong, and party of twenty-six guests; Mrs. Driscol, Major and Mrs. Seldon Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, of Portland, Mrs. H. F. Bullen, Miss Tina Mowbray, Miss Innes Bodwell, Miss Barbara Monetith, Miss Maud Humphreys, Major Gus Lyons, M.P.P., Mr. H. Heiter, Mr. Harry Pooley, M.P.P., Mr. Victor Sutherland, Mr. Watson Jones, Mr. Harry Crane, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson and party, including Mr. and Mrs. MacCallum, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Halet, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, Dr. and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. McConnan and Mr. Locke; Mrs. Leonard Andrews, of Vancouver and party; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Castle, Mr. and Mrs. A. de B. Meilin, Miss Leslie Galliher, Miss Carol Tolmie, Miss Meta Bowker, Mr. Irving McDermott, Mr. LeSoeur, Mr. Wendy Tolmie, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Brown and party including, Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes, Miss Cole and Mr. Peter Bainbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maynard and party including, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. E. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. V. York and party, including Mr. and Mrs. W. C. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnston, Miss K. Hamber, Mr. Flett, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glazan and party, Dr. and Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Surplis, Mrs. J. Gorman, Miss Stella Waters, of Vancouver, Mr. Pat Carroll, Mr. A. C. McNeil; a party of twelve, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bell-Irving, Miss Dindy Cox, Miss Scott, Miss Warhock, Miss Turner, Mr. Kenneth Raymur, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Paul Carrier; Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont Boggs and party, including Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Townshend; Mrs. L. A. Genge and party, including Mrs. Arthur Pigott, Mr. Steadman and Mr. Edwin Huddleden.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McKeown and party, including Mr. and Mrs. R. Webb; Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cicerl, Mr. and Mrs. John Cicerl, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Abell, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mr. Norman Corfield (Duncan), Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh McGivern and party, including Hon. and Mrs. H. B. McGivern, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Baynes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Birnie and party, consisting of Mrs. W. J. Troup, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (Hope), Mr. and Mrs. Falconer, Colonel and Mrs. F. B. Eaton, Miss A. McLean, Mr. McMullen; Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Burgess and party, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Munsie, Mrs. Allan; Dr. Keyes and party, Mr. and Mrs. Umbach, Mrs. Pearce (Kobe), Miss Michaelis; Miss Muriel Aylard and party, including Miss Dorothea Hay, Miss Dorothy Norris, Miss Eileen Aylard, Mr. Harris, Mr. Moss, Mr. Arthur Aylard; Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell and party, including Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Campbell, Major and Mrs. Laughlin Hughes, Mrs. Andrew Gray, Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, Miss Mona Miller, Mrs. Sanson, Miss Sanson and Mr. Campbell Sanson; Dr. and Mrs. Seurman and party, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Ruth Cochrane, Mr. Alexander; Dr. Chas. Duck and party, including Dr. and Mrs. Balcom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Whittaker and Miss Wilkerson; a party of twelve, including Dr. and Mrs. Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. Bechtel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Seatle, and Mr. Billings; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrison and party, including Mr. and Mrs. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Wilding, Miss Coote, Miss Lorna Lewin, Mr. Allen McLean and Mr. Clifford Collison; Mr. M. A. Ellisson and party, including Mr. and Mrs. Wingate-Whyte, Capt. and Mrs. Kinnaird, Mrs. Wace, Miss Betty Wace; a party of eleven guests, including Major and Mrs. Cobbett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Capt. and Mrs. Carvosso, Capt. and Mrs. Bishop, Major Unlacke, Miss Allee Nash and Capt. Woods; a party of fifteen guests, including Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, Capt. and Mrs. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Hoard, Mr. and Mrs. Meharey, Miss Gertrude Muir and Mr. H. Finland; Dr. and Mrs. Peterken (Seattle); the Misses Peggy and Ruth McBride; Miss K. K. Devereux, Mr. and Mrs. John Hart and party, including Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sehl, Dr. and Mrs. Barrett, Miss Kesla Sehl, Mr. Swan, Mr. McBrady, Major and Mrs. Goodeve, Dr. and Mrs. Grant and party of four; Mr. J. A. Anderson and party of three; Mr. D. McFarlane and party of seven; Mr. E. T. Carruthers and party of four; Mr. Boyer and party of six; Mr. Moriarty and guest; Mr. W. Stevenson and guest; Mr. Beasley and party of eight; Mr. Horsey and party of five; Mr. F. J. Hall and party of five; Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn, Mr. Wallroth; Mr. Genn and party of six; Mr. Kingham and party of four; Mr. Dalh and guest; Mr. Basil Gardom and guest; General and Mrs. Money and party of six; Mr. H. A. Tomalin and guest; Capt. Gibson and party of six; Mr. A. Robert, Mr. G. B. Patterson and party of four; Col. Messetar and guest; Mr. Fleming and party of four; Mr. A. L. Scott and party of five; Mr. Eric Burton and party of four; Colonel McGuigan and party of eight; Mr. and Mrs. M. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Bone and two guests; Mr. Cameron and party of ten; Mr. Sterry and party of six; Mr. W. H. Hutchinson and guest; Mr. Illiler and party of four; Mr. C. C. Johnson and party of four; Mr. A. D. Frumento and party of eight; Mr. Tucker and guest; Mr. Hodgson and guest; Mr. Smethurst and guest; Mr. and Mrs. Tod Murray and party; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marten (Seattle); Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long (Vancouver); Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Eval Hanbury, Miss Ella Simpson, Mr. Reginald Cicerl, and others.

PICTURES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE

Special New Year rally service will be held on Sunday afternoon next at 2:30 at the Reformed Episcopal Sunday school. The New Year motto cards will be distributed to the scholars.

Commencing on Monday and continuing through the week a children's special picture mission will be held each night from 7 to 8 o'clock. Adults will be welcomed if accompanied by children and no charge will be made for admission. Mr. W. A. Fuller, of the Shantyman's Christian Association, will conduct the mission.

Mr. Fuller has also promised to speak on the work amongst the logging camps of British Columbia at the usual weekly prayer meeting on Saturday, January 3, at 7:30, when it is hoped friends will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing the Gospel and how it is carried to the camps, mines and lonely outposts of our Island.

Society and Women's Affairs

The Lieutenant-Governor

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will this morning visit the officers of H.M.C.S. Patrician, officers of the Esquimalt Naval Barracks, and officers of Work Point Barracks. Following his reception this afternoon at Government House, His Honor will visit the officers' mess of the 16th Battalion, Canadian Scottish.

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Government House

Owing to the first Thursday of the month falling on New Year's Day, Mrs. Nichol will not receive callers at Government House on that day, but on Thursday, January 8, instead.

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Hostesses at Dance

The Misses Elaine and Margaret Gaillher, daughters of Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. A. Gaillher, were charming hostesses last night at a dance at their home on St. Charles Street. The rooms were prettily decorated with beautiful chrysanthemums and holly, and the music for the dancing was supplied by Prof. Ozard's orchestra. The guests included the Misses Rena Fleming, Mildred Philipson, Jean Edwards, Dorothy Geake, Kathleen Ross, Peggy Gourlay, Sheila Stewart, Kathleen Holmes, Margaret Adam, Marquerite Sehl, Frances Stewart, Christine Ross, Janet Mearns, Patricia Robinson, Helen and Mary Sutherland, K. Smith, Margaret and Mary Ross, Justa McKenna, Lois and Audrey Tripp, Florence Whitney, Doris Rines, Isabel Turner, Louise Wilkerson, Gwen Winsby, Frances Johnston, Vida Shandley, Alex. Bradshaw, Helen Hayward, Millicent Umbach, Valerie Ballantyne, Jean Moody, K. Haynes, Patsy Heming, Jean Campbell, Mary Martin, Peggy and Betty Schofield, Messrs. Elbeck and Roger Wilson, Tommy and Robin Tye, Dennis and William Hagar, Edward and Richard Moore, Charles Heisterman, Walter Fraser, Phillip and Edward Willis, Harold Haynes, D. Wilson, Donald Adams, Andrew Wright, B. Watson, Jack Watson, Jack Stewart, Cedric Walker, Blair Dickson, D. Diespecker, William Oliver, Christopher Smurthwaite, Frank Player, "Boy" Bennett, Conway Parrott, Goldwyn Terry, Jack Ross, John Farrer, Kenneth Moore, Kelly Heming, Peter Bell, John Farnham, Douglas Grant, Louis Rounding, Fred Cabeldu, Fred Foxsett, James Murphy, Larry Henderson, William Pollard, George Beatty, Edwin McLean, Eldon Knott, Donald McMurchy, Bud Allan, Donald Campbell, Jack Fleming, F. Mollyson, Harry Bapty, Tim Martin, Staney Bowes, Leslie Inglis.

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Honors Miss Shakespeare

Miss Una Shakespeare was the guest of honor at a delightful informal surprise dance given by the Grass Hockey Club at the Civil Servants' Clubrooms last evening when about fifty members and friends assembled to wish the bride-elect every happiness in her future life. During the evening Miss Shakespeare, who has been a very active worker as Victoria captain of the Ladies' Club, was presented by Dean Quainton, the club's president, on behalf of the members, with a handsome silver cake basket, in a very pleasing manner. During the course of his remarks he referred to the esteem in which she was held and the loss the club was sustaining in her leaving for the South, where she will make her future home. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Muncy, Mr. and Mrs. Laferre, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Westwood, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Pullen, Messrs. M. and L. Eastman, S. King, Pullen, Patton, D. Cass, M. Piercy, H. Shakespeare, Thorpe, D. Harman, Church, Clarke, Harris, F. Shakespeare, Hunkin, Ware, Redford, Temple, Hodgson, Calderwood, Clarke, Patton, Prevost, Wright, Rose, and many others.

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Honors Miss Day

In honor of Miss Totie Day, Mrs. Russell Ker entertained on Tuesday afternoon at bridge and mah jong at her home, "Kershaugh," when her guests were Miss Day, Mrs. Cockburn, Mrs. John Rithet, Mrs. Ernest Todd, Mrs. Bechtel, Mrs. Ray Castle, Mrs. Andrews (Vancouver), Mrs. B. S. Heisterman, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mrs. Humphrey Baynes, Mrs. H. E. Hidewood, Mrs. McGivern, Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. G. Bolton, Mrs. Goodeve, Mrs. Laurie, Mrs. J. Gray, Mrs. Douglas Layton, Miss Leslie Gaillher, the Misses Norma and Helen Macdonald, Miss Gladys Irving, Miss Dindy Cox, Miss Peggy Scott, Miss Jean Dunbar, Miss Nellie Turner, Miss Helen Forman. A few additional guests arrived at the tea hour.

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"Shower" for Miss Day

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Andrews, of Vancouver, and her sister, Miss Carol Tolmie, were hostesses at a delightful shower and tea party given at their home on Cloverdale Avenue, in honor of Miss Totie Day. Their guests included Miss Day, Mrs. Gaillher, Mrs. Ray Castle, Mrs. Duncan Ross, Mrs. Russell Ker, Mrs. Laughlin Hughes, Mrs. J. Gray, Mrs. Cockburn, Mrs. Ridewood, Miss Tolmie, Miss Norma Macdonald, Miss Leslie Gaillher, Miss Turner, Miss Peggy Scott, Miss Meta Bowker.

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Returned to Portland

Dr. L. Kershaw Poyntz, formerly radiologist at the Jubilee Hospital, left on Monday for Portland to resume his professional duties after nearly two months' absence on a lecture tour which took him to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Chicago and other leading American cities. He arrived back in the West just in time to spend Christmas with his wife and children at 1169 Oscar Street, Victoria, and after a few days here has gone on to Portland.

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No-Host Dance

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baker, 1063 Deal Street, sponsored a "no-host dance" last evening at their home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Boidero, Mr. and Mrs. Acland, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Delves, Mr. and Mrs. Robonson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tunnard, Mrs. Beedham, Mrs. Wickings-Smith, Mrs. Blackburn, General Tuxford, Captain Williams, Mr. Fleidman, Mr. Martin Brown, Mr. Simpson.

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"Surprise Party"

In honor of Misses Mary and Ruth Clark, who are leaving the district shortly, a surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Clark, Gordon Head. The evening was delightfully spent in dancing, the music kindly being supplied by Messrs. Lionel Huxtable and Ivor Parfitt. A delicious supper was served, after which the party reluctantly broke up with many good wishes.

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Children's Party

Little Miss Frances May Wortledge was a diminutive and charming hostess yesterday afternoon when she entertained a few of her friends at her home, 1719 Bank Street. Among those present were: Misses Joy Masters, Betty Fawcett, Beryl Hinchliffe, Betty Sledge, Lillian Harrison, and others.

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Hosts at Dance

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Yarrow were hosts at a delightful dance held last night at their home on Foul Bay Road. About a hundred guests were present, and Zala's orchestra supplied the dance music. The rooms and supper table were charmingly arranged with daffodils.

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Engagement Announced

The engagement is announced of Sylvia Ione, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Clarke, of Vina del Mar, Valparaiso, South America, to Mr. Valentine de Saumarez Duke, second son of Dr. and Mrs. Valentine deS. Duke, of Victoria, B.C.

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Sergeants' Mess "At Home"

The Garrison Sergeants' Mess of Work Point Barracks is holding an "at home" this afternoon from 12 to 3 o'clock in observance of an annual custom. The officers of Work Point Barracks will visit the Sergeants' Mess.

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"At Home" Postponed

Owing to the many counter-attractions on Friday night it has been decided to postpone the "at home" which the members of the B.C. Dramatic School were holding at Harmony Hall.

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Leaves for Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yarwood, Lee Avenue, left by the midnight boat on Tuesday for Vancouver en route to Squamish to spend New Year with their son, Mr. E. Parker Yarwood.

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Presented With Doll

Mrs. Pearce, of "The Roccabella," was the fortunate winner of the beautiful doll disposed of in aid of St. Joseph's Hospital under the management of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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To Visit Here

Mrs. J. P. Burns, of Kelowna, will be down in Victoria next week, the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr-Hilton.

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At St. Joseph's Hospital

The many friends of Mr. J. W. Switzer will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Here From Calgary

Mr. Ivan W. Davies arrived here yesterday from Calgary to visit his father, Mr. H. W. Davies, who is in hospital.

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Here for Holidays

Mrs. Durand, of Vancouver, has arrived in the Capital and is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ker, "Kershaugh."

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Informal Party

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Howell entertained last evening at a very delightful party at their home, 1234 St. James Street, Oak Bay.

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From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McDonald and family, of Portland, Ore., are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Rivers, 1414 Elford Street.

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From Britannia

Miss Iris Griffin, of Britannia, B.C., is spending a few days at her home on Wilkinson Road.

Unwelcome New Year Box

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—Housewives of Winnipeg will get an unwelcome New Year's gift. Bakers announced tonight that, effective tomorrow, the price of bread would be advanced one cent a loaf. A sixteen-ounce loaf will cost eight cents. High flour prices are responsible.

MRS. M'CULLAGH WEDS COL. R. ROSS NAPIER

Interesting Marriage Quietly Celebrated at Sheriff's Office—Will Reside Here

A wedding of much interest was quietly celebrated yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Sheriff's office, when Sheriff H. W. Goggin officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Mary McCullagh (nee Marwick) and Lieut.-Col. R. Ross Napier, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance.

Although a few intimate friends of the bride and groom suspected that the wedding would be held during the holiday season, none knew the exact date, except the two wedding guests, Colonel and Mrs. R. D. Davies, who witnessed the ceremony and later had tea with Col. and Mrs. Ross Napier at the Empress Hotel.

Colonel Napier recently returned to Victoria from Scotland where he settled up his family estates. He is the last of the Napiers, a famous old Scottish family, and on his return here brought with him many historic heirlooms, including a collection of rare Paisley shawls, some of which date back over 550 years. These shawls have been worn by "brides of Napier" for centuries past, but although yesterday's bride possesses these exquisite shawls she did not wear one at the ceremony. Mrs. Napier was gowned in a very smart navy blue gown, with becoming cloche hat. Col. Napier spent several years in South America before coming to British Columbia twenty-five years ago. He was engaged in business at Cumberland for some time and later removed to Vancouver, where he was well known in financial and mining circles.

He went overseas with the rank of captain in the intelligence service and won distinction and promotion, being mentioned in dispatches for his good work. He is credited with having been under arms longer than any other officer of the British Columbia forces, having been called out for the civil aid forces in 1912 on Vancouver Island and not being demobilized until long after armistice.

He entered the service of the Government as inspector of Government agencies and rose to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance.

Colonel and Mrs. Napier will make their future home in Victoria.

J.B.A.A. WELCOMES NEW YEAR WITH DANCE

Popular Oarsmen Hosts at Thoroughly Enjoyable Function at Cadboro Beach Hotel

The Cadboro Beach Hotel was the scene of an exceptionally jolly dance last night, when nearly 200 guests assembled to welcome the New Year under the happiest conditions, as guests of the members of the James Bay Athletic Association.

The large dining-room, where dancing took place, was decorated with scarlet paper streamers and greenery, and during the evening delicious refreshments, under the management of the Cadboro Beach Hotel, were served in the tearoom.

The success of the evening reflects great credit on the work of the committee in charge.

The guests greeted the New Year with a fanfare of trumpets, which was heartily carried out by all present. The Cat's Meow Orchestra supplied the dance music, which was carried on until a late hour this morning.

Among the many present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Ford, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Stoddart, the Misses Jean Brocklebank, Thelma Owen, Vera Loo Pointe, the Misses Bradshaw, Miss Clare Wachter, Miss Yvonne North, Miss Margaret McMillan, Miss Washington, Miss Maud Williams, Miss Daisy Corrance, Miss Marjorie Bell, Miss Dorothy Pendray, Miss Eileen Watts, Miss Margaret Stevenson, Miss Ailee Limmer, Messrs. Frank Frost, Bobby Fraser, Ronnie Cruickshank, Frank Cameron, Art. Webster, Ed. Cooper, Arthur Heron, Johnny Walker, Alfred Powell, Bud Hocking, Stanley Raybone, Billy Huxtable, Johnny Riddell, Davenport, Ben McMillan, Alex. Straith, R. L. McDonald, Rolph Matthews, and others.

BRITANNIA CHRISTMAS TREE

Britannia Lodge, No. 216, L.O.B.A., held a Christmas tree for the members and their families in the Orange Hall, Tuesday night, about 100 being present. At the supper, a three-story fancy decorated Christmas cake was the centre of attraction. Later, Santa Claus arrived, heavily laden, with gifts of toys, candy and fruit for each child. Games and dancing followed. Miss Jewell's fancy dancing was much appreciated. Good music was rendered by Hunt's orchestra. The following acted on the committee: Sisters Gilson, Hunter, Gove, McKenzie, Beadle, Latham, White and Bradley.

POLICE SERGEANT HAS LONG SERVICE

Was Sworn In as Constable in Victoria Thirty-Five Years Ago Last Night

Thirty-five years' continuous service in the police department of Victoria is the record of Sergeant Robert Walker, one of the best authorities on police affairs and police history in the city. Sergeant Walker was sworn in as a regular constable on December 31, 1889, by the late Hon. A. N. Richards, former Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and at that time police magistrate. On February 26, twenty-five years ago, Sergeant Walker was given his three stripes, his elevation being made by the late Mr. Charles Hayward, who at that time was Mayor of Victoria.

Rupert Hughes Married

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Rupert Hughes, novelist and motion picture director, and Miss Elisabeth Patterson Dial, known on the screen as Patterson Dial, were married here today. They left the city immediately afterward on a honeymoon trip to New York.

WEDDINGS

Willgress-McDavitt

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—The marriage was solemnized in St. Paul's Church on Monday afternoon by the Rev. S. Ryall, of Miss Irene Marie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDavitt, Wellington, B. C., and Mr. Melville Willgress, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Willgress, Northfield, B. C. The bride looked charming in a gown of white wonder-silk crepe, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of carnations. She was attended by Miss Beryl Parkes and Miss Sarah McMurray, who looked lovely in mauve Canton and Nile green crepe de Chine with picture hats in the same shades, each carrying mauve and white chrysanthemums. Mr. Alfred Phye supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, which was followed by a dance in Pleasant Valley Hall, attended by one hundred couples. Following the honeymoon the couple will make their home in Seattle.

Losie-Whiteman

Last evening at "Breadalbane," the minister's residence, a quiet wedding took place when Major Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Clarence Edward Losie, of Victoria, and Miss Ruth Bell Whiteman, of Oak Bay. The bride was very pretty in a gown of black velvet with hat en suite, and was attended as bridesmaid by her sister, Miss Helen Mary Whiteman, in a gown of dark tricotine with picture hat. The groomsman was Mr. Herbert Wilfred Burnett. Mr. and Mrs. Losie, after a honeymoon, will make their home in this city.

YACHT CLUB PARTY A ZESTFUL AFFAIR

New Year Ushered In With Gay Revels, Approach of 1925 Being Heralded by Explosion

The annual New Year's Eve dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club enjoyed its customary popularity, and the three hundred or more people who drove out to enjoy a part or all of the evening found the revels quite up to expectations. The place was in its gayest dress, mingled with the characteristic Yuletide decorations of cedar boughs and holly being flags and pennants, which were strung across the ceiling and walls of the ballroom as well as the spacious veranda, which the guests frequented both for dancing and sitting-out. Japanese lanterns gave a further touch of color and festivity to the scene. Cedar and fir converted the sail loft into a very cosy and attractive refreshment-room, and Mr. J. W. Robinson, who managed the catering, served a delicious buffet supper from eleven o'clock onwards.

The music was all that could possibly have been wished for, Heaton's five-piece orchestra, arrayed in summery attire, introducing all the latest novelties as well as the most popular of the old favorites in the way of dance music. A few minutes before midnight the dancers were arrested in the full ecstasy of their pleasures by the sound of a deafening explosion. This was a big stick of dynamite which Mr. Heaton had secreted on the lawn for the purpose of calling attention at the proper moment to the passing of the Old Year and the advent of the New. Simultaneously with the sound of the explosion all the lights went out, and by the flickering glow from the fireplace the guests joined hands to sing "Auld Lang Syne." The revels recommenced with deafening noise after the three-minute pause preceding the stroke of twelve, and 1925 was ushered in with the tooting of whistles, blowing of horns, bursting of balloons, and the customary gust of enthusiasm. A comedy feature of the remainder of the evening was provided in the diminutive hats which were distributed among the gentlemen by the orchestra. The mistletoe had its place of honor in the scheme of things, and was duly noticed.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pollard, Captain and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Reay Meldram, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McRae, Mr. B. R. Lemon, Miss Nan Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. Frank Sommers and party, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Scurrah, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mutrie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. E. Totty, Mr. and Mrs. Revercomb, Miss Connie Whillans, Mr. Wallace Pomfford, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clark, Mr. H. R. Sandy, Colonel and Mrs. Tooley, Major and Mrs. E. P. Martin, Mr. A. W. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Colpman, Mr. and Mrs. Aldous, Mr. H. G. Dalby, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis (of London, Ont.), Mr. Bert Collison, Mr. J. A. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. H. Brentzen, Dr. John Harper, Miss Greig, Mr. Herbert Shades, Mr. Bruce Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Monendez, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Barnes, Mr. W. F. Burton, General and Mrs. R. P. Clark, Mr. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Arthur Frank, Major and Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Miss H. Macdonald, Mr. O. W. Pauline, Miss V. Watcher, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Miss McGibbon, Miss Mesher, Miss Aileen Lawrence, Miss McVittie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. F. W. Field, Miss E. Morris, Miss Burton, Miss Cohan, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Martyn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Yorke, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Winsby, Miss McKinnon, Miss Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stewart-Campbell, Miss McAnally, Miss M. Hincks, Miss L. M. Kinloch, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hall, Miss Vera Ridley, Miss M. McKenna, Miss Grace McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shade, Madame Vaida, the Misses G. White, Marling, Rowley, Dr. Harper, Lieutenant-Colonel Ellington, Messrs. Cohan, P. Greville Jones, W. J. B. Gordon, A. Exham, F. Lewin, Stanley Wright, Setchall, H. Bragg, Bendroit, Wallace Pomfford, R. D. Carley, Wriggleworth, Buck, Barnes, Tildesley, King, Ware, Anderson and Wilmot.

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GAUL'S "HOLY CITY" WILL BE PRESENTED

Oratorio Will Be Sung on January 13

Gaul's "Holy City," with chorus, orchestra and organ, will be presented on Tuesday, January 13. The soloists are well known; even the work is familiar to many lovers of oratorio in the city, but the orchestra and its conductor, Major W. H. Watts, are comparatively newcomers.

The "Carry On" Orchestra has supplied a concert to the patients of the local hospitals every Sunday afternoon, St. Joseph's one Sunday, Jubilee Hospital the following Sunday since September. On this occasion, by the courtesy of the Union, the regular "Carry On" Orchestra will be augmented by amateurs.

The "Holy City" is the most tuneful of the lighter oratorios, offering splendid opportunities to the soloists. New readings of old works are always interesting to the serious student of music. Mr. Watts is of the conservative school, and old traditions will bring back Old Country renditions.

At the Playhouses

KING RICHARD IS FEATURED IN FILM

Screen Version of Sir Walter Scott's "The Talisman," Produced on Lavish Scale

From a story familiar to millions of book lovers the world over, "Richard, the Lion-Hearted," a stupendous, pictorial romance based on Sir Walter Scott's novel, "The Talisman," has been screened by the Associated Authors with a wealth of historical interest and lavish settings.

The production inaugurates something new in the motion picture world. Although it is a complete narrative in itself, it supplies a gap in the story of "Robin Hood," which proved a sensation and shattered attendance records in every section of the country. Combined with Douglas Fairbanks' picture, it presents a comprehensive record of that historical period when King Richard left England on the Third Crusade until his return, and the story of the lion-hearted monarch's adventures in Palestine has been pictured with the fine sweep of an epic and the warm appeal of romance.

As the initial offering of Associated Authors, "Richard, the Lion-Hearted," coming to the Columbia Theatre today under an Allied Producers and Distributors Corporation release, represents the best efforts of three nationally known authors, Frank E. Woods, Elmer Harris, and Thompson Buchanan. It was produced under the personal supervision of Frank E. Woods, with the other two experienced photodramatists in close co-operation.

Particular care was evidenced in the selection of the cast for "Richard, the Lion-Hearted," and Associated Authors, in choosing the star, were of one opinion—that Richard should be played by none other than Wallace Beery, whose convincing characterization in the same role in Douglas Fairbanks' "Robin Hood" won him a tremendous "fan" following.

DOMINION THEATRE Digging for buried treasure on one of the islands of the Pacific! Caskets with gold doubloons, pieces of eight, duros, Napoleons, rubies, pearls, bracelets of hammered gold, rare elika sewn with seed pearls, now faded and tarnished, antiquated weapons and chains of silver were dug up in one grand discovery of buried treasure recently upon lonely Santa Cruz island which lies forty miles off the coast of California. The treasure hunters knew exactly where to dig for the caskets had been placed there only a few days previously by grips connected with the company filming J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" which Herbert Brenon produced for Paramount.

All the outdoor scenes for "Peter Pan" were filmed on Santa Cruz island. A company of over one hundred people, including the feature players, Betty Bronson, Ernest Torrence, Cyril Chadwick, Virginia Brown Faire and Anna May Wong accompanied Mr. Brenon on location. Roy Pomeroy aided Mr. Berenon in the production. "Peter Pan," with an all-star cast of players appearing in support of the principals, is now showing at the Dominion Theatre.

CAPITOL THEATRE Buster Keaton recently suffered a severe attack of "the bends." Don't laugh, it's a very painful ailment. In the Metro-Goldwyn star's latest comedy, "The Navigator," which is the feature attraction at the Capitol Theatre this week, Buster has to descend to the depths of the ocean in diving armor. On one occasion after he had been down nearly a hundred feet and under very heavy water pressure, he came up too suddenly, and got "the bends." It was almost an hour before Buster could uncurl his muscles.

COLISEUM THEATRE The tragic story of Mary Queen of Scots is told with wonderful fidelity in the film which is being shown this week at the Coliseum Theatre. As the title, "The Loves of Mary, Queen of Scots," suggests, it is a story which revolves almost entirely around the earlier years of the beautiful daughter of James V of Scotland and those who came under the spell of her fascinations. Miss Fay Compton, the well known English actress who takes the title role, patterns her interpretation along a composite line rather than on any single one of the more traditional types known to the reader of history and historical plays. She is here shown as a woman less remarkable for her beauty than for her fatal attractiveness, proud spirit, and impulsive daring, attributes which, nevertheless, serve her to very little advantage in a court which is surrounded by intrigue, and whose chief plotter is her own half-brother, the Earl of Moray. The several lovers are excellently portrayed, beginning with the Dauphin of France, whom she married in 1558; the weak and dissolute Lord Darnley, whom she married in 1565, and whose assassination, not long after that of her Italian counsellor, Rizzio, constitute two of the most dramatic episodes in the whole story, as they do in Scottish history; Bothwell, who reciprocated her passionate devotion with an act of cowardly betrayal, also very cleverly simulates the historical tradition. The sympathies of the spectator are very strongly roused on behalf of young George Douglas, brother of the laird of Lochleven, in whose castle Mary is held prisoner. His gallant sacrifice of his own life in aiding the young queen to escape is a moment of acute emotion in the story.

ROYAL THEATRE Harum-scarum school boys and girls, a living garden of roses, a prince and princess straight out of a fairy story, a witch, a massive Dame of kittenish propensities, an auto that ought to go but doesn't, a dog and cat of almost human intelligence—these are but a few of the many quaint and beautiful distractions that go to make up that most delightful production, "Beauty and the Beast," the brilliant pantomime now showing at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

For many years Mr. Hincks has provided for Victorians, old and young, their time-honored Christmas entertainment, the pantomime, but by unanimous assent "Beauty and the Beast" is the most brilliant production of its kind that has yet been put on at any local theatre.

A clever cast, headed by the irrepressible Ernie Petch as Dame Turkey (a schoolmarm of ponderous proportions), and including such well-known artists as Bob Webb, Peggy Lewis, Roberta Balcom, Helen Starr, Will Marshall and Dorothy Sehl—to mention but a few of them, and supported by a large chorus and a very dainty corps de ballet, all gorgeously costumed, and served in a series of scenes of brilliant color. Such are the ingredients of this delectable Christmas dish—a treat that will be long remembered by all those fortunate enough to see it.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE The appearance of a wagon load of umbrellas just as a cloudburst hits the folks gathered for Old Home Week, provides a unique opportunity for the hero in "The Meanest Man in the World," the First National picture delighting patrons at the Playhouse Theatre this week.

Bert Lytell, who portrays the role of a hero who makes a vain attempt to be mean, conducts a street sale of the "bumbershoots" which gives him a chance to be of great service to Jane Hudson, the girl of the story, played by Blanche Sweet.

He informs the crowd of the efforts to foreclose Jane's farm because of the belief that there is oil on it. And then the plot takes a unique turn, with subscriptions pouring in for a test well, which proves that meanness can never go with happiness.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen

Capitol—Buster Keaton in "The Navigator."

Coliseum—Fay Compton in "The Loves of Mary, Queen of Scots."

Columbia—Wallace Beery in "Richard, the Lion-Hearted."

Dominion—"Peter Pan," featuring Ernest Torrence and Betty Bronson.

The Stage

Playhouse—"Cinderella."

Royal—"Beauty and the Beast."

MANY MELODIES IN STEPPING OUT, NEW ORIGINALS' REVUE

There are nearly a score of melodious new musical numbers in "Stepping Out," the latest original revue by the popular Originals, coming to the Royal Victoria Theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—songs of the kind that will set the town whistling long after the boys have continued their triumphant tour. There are several highly original dances and numerous comedy sketches, including "Turned Up," "Heroes," and that latest and greatest scream, "The Duchess Performs," wherein Leonard Young as the "Duchess" is at his very best.

The entire performance is a potpourri of mirthful and melodious enjoyment with such noted entertainers as Bob Anderson, the sensational comedian who was born in Lancashire, the home of the best fun-makers; Gene Pearson, the "Male Galli Curci," and who is the recognized queen of feminine impersonators; Alan Murray; Bertram Langley, Norman Blume, Jerry Brayford, — Jimmy MacDonald; Thomas Dunn, Gus McKinnon and Frederick Gordon. Of course, as with all the Original shows, it is adequately staged, well lighted, and, above all, put over with that maximum of skill and pep which only the Originals know how to dispense. Lionel Broadway is the company's new juvenile and has already become a big favorite.

BLOSSOM TIME TO PLAY AT THE ROYAL ON JANUARY 8

"Blossom Time," the fascinating Franz Schubert operetta, which was so enthusiastically received here last season, will play a return engagement at the Royal Theatre one night, Thursday, January 8. No musical play within the memory of present-day theatregoers has been accorded the unstinted and unanimous praise that has been accorded "Blossom Time" in this city and in every other place in which it has been presented. Founded on the life and romance of Franz Schubert, the great composer, "Blossom Time" possesses all the elements that go to make up the perfect musical play. It has a fascinating story, music of the most entrancing kind, most of it being compositions by Schubert himself; delightful and clean comedy, and most colorful embellishments in the way of scenery and settings. And with the same splendid cast that originally appeared in New York at the Century Theatre, another series of perfect performances is assured.

ST. JOHN'S PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A large audience which crowded St. John's schoolroom to the doors and left standing room only, attended the Christmas entertainment of St. John's Sunday school Tuesday night.

Tea was served at 6 o'clock, and, after games had been enjoyed for a short time, the programme, which proved to be excellent, was given. The rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, presided, and congratulated the superintendent, Mr. Hallam, and his faithful staff of teachers on the splendid work which had been accomplished during the past year. He took occasion to point out that the present schoolroom of St. John's was no longer able to accommodate the scholars in their Sunday class work, or on an occasion of this kind, and urged all to work together to secure the erection of a new and properly equipped parish hall. A nucleus for this fund had already been created by the young people of the church, he said.

The following programme was rendered: Carole by the Sunday school choir under the direction of Mrs. Ward; sketches (1) "The Sandman," directed by Miss Flint; (2) "Lullaby," directed by Miss Graves; recitation, Betty Stoddart; piano solo, Victoria Cross; Japanese drill, directed by Miss Randall; quartette, Misses Rife, McLellan, Harris and Hogarth; "Ten Little Doctors," directed by Mrs. Clifford Kirby; "A Strike in Santa Land," directed by Mrs. Ward.

A most enjoyable feature of the entertainment was a Christmas tree. Santa Claus, personated by Mr. Cyril Turner, was on hand to distribute the gifts to all children present.

LEGION ENTERTAINS OVER 300 KIDDIES

Happy Time Spent at Christmas Tree Fete—Santa Claus Given Vociferous Greeting

A splendidly organized Christmas tree party took place in the clubrooms of the Canadian Legion Tuesday night. All arrangements had been made by a joint committee of members of the Women's Auxiliary and the Legion, who are to be congratulated upon the great success of the affair. Over 300 children were present, including many whose fathers had made the supreme sacrifice.

After partaking of refreshments the proceedings opened with community singing, in which the children heartily joined. The secretary and Mr. F. Fletcher entertained with stories and fun-producing items. A special feature of the programme was some pleasing and clever fancy dancing by pupils of Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Cobbett sang all about Felix the Cat, which greatly delighted the youngsters, and "Yorkie" concluded the programme with a laughter producing exhibition of his ventriloquary powers.

The Christmas tree was the next item. The large tree was a splendid spectacle, beautifully decorated and shimmering with numerous colored electric lights.

The appearance of Santa Claus, with his bodyguard, loaded with gifts, was the occasion of a tremendous demonstration on the part of the youngsters. With the assistance of members of the committee, Santa completed in quick time the distribution of more than 300 gifts. Hearty cheers were then given to Santa Claus, and as the young guests left, a bag of candies, nuts and oranges was handed to them, and thus was brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

BUILDING PERMITS REVEAL INCREASE

Aggregate Value Smaller Than Total for 1923—Only Three Large Figure Permits Issued

Thirty-eight more building permits were issued during the past year than in 1923 when the number reached a total of 397, according to final figures for the year issued at the City Hall yesterday.

Building permits for 1924 aggregate $838,000, as compared with $1,050,161 for 1923. The construction of several large bank buildings and other structures in 1923 was responsible for the large total reached in that year. Only three of the permits in the past year were issued for large buildings. One of these was for the Amusement Centre, one for the Victoria Gas Company's new gas-holder, and the third for the east wing of the Jubilee Hospital. These represent a total of $445,645.

Forty-five new residences were constructed last year, the majority of one story. Eighty-four buildings were altered or extended. Private garages to the number of 198, and one public garage, were constructed. Seven new stores were built.

Of the value of the permits—less $80,000 allowed for repairs—$512,866 has been invested in frame buildings, and $245,335 in buildings of brick.

OPEN NEW COURSE IN ARTS OF PRINTING

International Typographical Union Makes Announcement of New Educational Undertaking

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Inauguration of a new correspondence course in the printing arts, under direction of a newly organized bureau of education of the International Typographical Union, will take place January 1, according to an announcement by James M. Lynch, president of the union.

The instruction will cover a wider field than was covered by the course until recently conducted from the union's educational quarters in New York City. The new bureau occupies quarters in the International offices here. John H. Chambers, of Dayton, O., is the new director of the educational bureau, the teaching staff of which has been enlarged.

Energy and resources of the union will be devoted to extending work of the educational bureau as rapidly as is practical, Mr. Lynch said.

"The newly installed executive council looks upon apprentice training as of vital importance," said Mr. Lynch. "The I. T. U. protective and beneficial institutions, such as the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., mortuary benefit and old age pension, have accomplished much in strengthening the organization, but future welfare of the union requires elevation of craftsmanship and sound education of succeeding generations of printers.

Light the Way

"Employers do not object to paying good wages to good printers, but they will complain against good wages for incompetent men. The same applies to any other trade. It is our ambition to light the way for other trades in this problem of education."

Under the by-laws of the International Typographical Union passage of the course in printing by apprentices is compulsory. They are required to begin their educational work in the third year of their five-year apprenticeship and the work must be completed before they are admitted to membership. The new bureau will provide adequate methods for checking up the progress of each apprentice in his studies and for determining if he has profited by his studies.

In addition to the merely technical operations of the printing craft, the course will carry instruction in English, punctuation, art in its relation to printing, and in advertising composition. The policy of permitting the student to elect subjects, not included in the fundamental course, will be pursued.

Individual Attention

"Instructors will endeavor to engage the interest of each student by offering individual attention to his needs and by writing personal letters," said Mr. Chambers. "Whenever possible, too, a 'big brother' for the apprentice will be selected from the printers in the shop where the lad is employed. The 'big brother' will be in correspondence with the bureau and will be advised of the student's progress and of his difficulties from time to time.

"Apprenticeship committees are maintained by local unions and are charged with responsibility for welfare of apprentices. These committees will be provided with all information needed for encouraging progress in studies, and will be expected to see that each apprentice begins the course at the proper time and that he completes it satisfactorily before his admission to the rank of journeyman. While the course is designed for beginners, educational work will be provided also for journeymen, who wish to perfect themselves in advanced phases of the printing art."

Test questions for use in examination of apprentices by local committees will be supplied by the bureau here.

LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of Britannia Lodge, No. 216, L. O. B. A., the following officers were installed, Sister Munkley, W.P.M., acting as installing officer, and Sister Hunter, W.P.M., as director of ceremonies; Sister Bradley, WM.; Sister Gove, D.M.; Sister McKenzie, chaplain; Sister White, R.S.; Sister Nicholles, F.S.; Sister Latham, treasurer; Sister Mainwaring, director of ceremonies; Sister Bradley, first lecturer; Sister Crooks, second lecturer; Sister Beadle, first committee; Sister Forsythe, second committee; Sister Wilson, third committee; Sister Hunt, fourth committee; Sister Wilson, fifth committee; Sister Miller, I.G.; Sister Shand, O.G.; Sister Shand, captain of the guard team; Sister Gilson, guardian; Sister Munkley, P.W.M.

Flowers were presented to the installing officers by Sister Bradley, after which refreshments were served.

Linen was the staple article for cloth among the Romans.

GULF ISLAND SERVICE

In addition to the service operated by the S.S. Otter to Gulf Island points from Victoria every Monday at 7:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. the S.S. Charmer leaves Victoria every Tuesday at 12 noon, calling at Port Washington, Ganges Harbor, Mayne Island thence to Vancouver, arriving there about 8:30 p.m. The Charmer also leaves Vancouver every Monday at 8:30 a.m., calling at these poins, arriving at Victoria about 4:30 that afternoon. (Advt.)

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Mrs. Ricardo and a member of the Ladies' Musical Club will be at Fletcher's Music Store on Monday, January 5 and Tuesday, 6, only—from 10 till 6—in order that members can secure their exchange tickets for Gertrude Huntley Green and Mary Izard concert on January 15. Members are requested to bring their membership cards.

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

COUGARS PLAY MAROONS TODAY

Lester Patrick's Men Travel Across Gulf of Georgia to Tackle Brother Frank's Team on Mainland Ice

VANCOUVER SEEKING REVENGE ON LOCALS

Cougars Have Thrice Trimmed Maroons in Three Starts—Vancouver Returns for Contest Here Saturday Night

LESTER Patrick's pack of Cougars invade the lair of the Vancouver Maroons this afternoon and play the holiday attraction in the Terminal City against Frank Patrick's puckchasers. These teams have met three times this season, Victoria winning each time. The Maroons seek revenge and hope to gratify the wishes of their supporters by turning in a win against the Cougars on the former's home pond. It should be a great battle.

The Cougars crossed to Vancouver on last night's boat and, before sailing, Lester Patrick, manager of the local hockey sextette, told The Colonist that his boys were in good shape and ready to give their best on the Mainland today. "It would be fine if we could spear this match on the Vancouver ice. The Cougars are going in fine style, and two victories this week at Vancouver's expense would place the Victoria club in a firm position in the league," said Lester.

Three games are scheduled for the Western Canada Hockey League programme this afternoon. Calgary will tackle Edmonton today in the Eskimos' stronghold, and Saskatoon will perform before Regina fans. Edmonton at present leads the league with eleven points; Victoria and Calgary are tied for second place, each having ten points, with Saskatoon third with nine points. The Cougars have trimmed the Maroons in Vancouver this year, and hope to repeat the feat today.

Next Game Here Saturday

The next hockey match on the Willows pond will be played on Saturday evening next. On that occasion Vancouver will be the guests and a good game can be looked forward to. These old-time rivals, between whom there is no love lost, always provide splendid entertainment and the match here this week-end should prove a thriller.

Seats for the game here Saturday night go on sale tomorrow morning at the hockey ticket office at Plimley & Ritchie's, 611 View Street. Saturday's game will commence at 9 p.m., and fans are requested to note the time of the contest.

Two prairie teams that have not yet this season performed on Vancouver Island will be seen here next week. Calgary and Edmonton will make their bow to Victoria fans and the railbirds will be able to see how these squads compare with the fast-traveling Cougars. Calgary plays here next Wednesday, January 7, while Edmonton comes on Saturday, January 10. Both matches should be well worth seeing, beyond any doubt.

GRASS HOCKEY

There will be a practice game today at 2:30 at Oak Bay Park. Next Saturday the ladies' eleven opposes the visiting team from B.C. University at Oak Bay Park at 2:30 promptly. There will also be a game for others on the adjoining ground.

HOCKEY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Victoria Amateur Ice Hockey League in the Chamber of Commerce, Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Business of importance will be brought up and all clubs are asked to have representatives present.

TY COBB
Remaker of Baseball

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CHAPTER XLI.

Ingenuity

Plays He Invented—Had 'Em Either Way—Ty Describes One

By H. G. SALSINGER

It was while playing right field for Detroit that Ty Cobb invented his "cross" play. With a runner on first and a fly ball hit to right, not too deep, Cobb would pretend to be set for the catch, hands cupped and feet firmly planted on the ground. Seeing that Cobb apparently intended catching the ball the runner on first would hang close to the bag to prevent Cobb making a snap throw to the first baseman and executing a double play. The man who hit the ball would generally come to a dead stop on his way to first or would turn out entirely, giving up hope. Just as the ball was about to land in Cobb's outspread hands he would pull the hands away, let the ball strike the ground and then catch it on the rebound. A fast throw to first base and a quick relay to second would complete a double play.

He also worked this play with reverse English. He would come tearing in on a ball and then feigning an attitude that he could not make the catch, would set himself to catch the ball on the first bound. The runner on first, sure the ball would fall safe, would dash madly for second. Then Cobb suddenly reversed, jumped forward, made the catch and whipped the ball to first in time for a double play. Cobb had a triple play ahead of him either way he made the play and, in the language of the sport, "he had 'em going and coming."

Moved to Centre

Later Crawford became too slow and Cobb was shifted to centrefield. He no longer had the opportunity of making the same plays in centrefield and he had to change his tactics. The throws from centrefield were too long and the same situations did not present themselves. It was mechanically impossible to do the sensational work he had delivered in right field.

But, no matter where Cobb played, he found opportunity to do the spectacular. He was a born showman and showmanship with him was a fine art. He learned to dive for balls, a play not made successfully by many outfielders and bungled by all except the most expert. It requires the keenest kind of judgment of batted balls to make diving catches of the kind Cobb made repeatedly. Such judgment he gradually developed. He had the dexterity, the suppleness and the quickness to execute them, guided by his keen judgment.

As an outfielder Cobb was spectacular rather than thorough. He knew how to put the dramatic touch to his work. He never used two hands where he could give a plausible impression that he had to use one. He never stood under a fly where he had any chance to take the ball while running. He always picked the most difficult way to do things but while difficult there had to be a thrill involved. He knew the heart of the gallery better than any man that ever played baseball, and he knew how to reach that heart better than any man in the game. He made a study of the matter. No actor better loved applause than Cobb.

Describes Greatest Play

One time he was asked to name the best fielding play he ever made and he replied:

"It was during the Detroit-Boston game at old Bennett Park in Detroit. It was a hot Saturday afternoon, as I remember it. We had a comfortable lead when the ninth inning opened but Boston suddenly made one of those rallies. With nobody out they got runners to first and second. Jake Stahl, a reliable batter, was up. Stahl drove a low liner over second base. It looked like a sure hit. Both runners were off, sprinting at top speed. So was I. Then I noticed that my only chance was in making a dive for the ball and I dived, arms outstretched. I extended my gloved hand as far as possible and was lucky enough to stab the ball just off the grass. It took only an instant to jump to my feet and toss the ball to Jim Delahanty, who was playing secon base for us at the time. Jim relayed the ball to first and completed a triple play, ending the game. The runners who were on base when Stahl hit the ball had advanced so far that I could have really made the triple play unassisted if I had cared to."

Improved on Others

Not all the tricks that Cobb used in the outfield were new. Tommy McCarthy, a great fielding outfielder of the past, had some of them and Hughie Duffy, another great fielder whose career preceded Cobb's, had some of them. But neither Duffy nor McCarthy had the bag of tricks that Cobb carried. Neither of them did his stunts as impressively as Cobb and neither could make his work as effective as Cobb. He had the knack of getting the most out of every opportunity and they lacked it. He gave more science to outfielding than they had given and he elaborated upon their lines of endeavor. They introduced certain features of outfielding and Cobb extended these features, broadened them and added to them.

Cobb was once asked how he learned to play the outfield and he answered:

"By watching the best men who played in the outfield positions when I started in the majors and by what I heard of the play of other outfielders. I tried to copy the best points of these men, their strength, and, I guess, I got to be a composite of the leading outfielders of my time. At least that is what I tried to become."

Tomorrow—Chapter XLII.—Twenty Years.

Try This One on Your Piano

One of a daily dozen, or handball on skis on the Dufferin Terrace, Quebec. The new ski jump, erected by the Frontenac Winter Sports Club, has proved a great attraction to amateur skiers from all over the continent, and international and intercollegiate jumping competitions have been arranged to take place in the near future.

THREE SOCCER GAMES ON TODAY

OLD-TIMERS PROVIDE FEATURE AT WORK POINT

Sons of England Meet Wards at Athletic Park This Morning—Wests Play Services

Soccer followers will have plenty of good football to watch today with no less than three games on the day's sport card. Perhaps the most interesting of the three will be the morning game at Work Point, when the Esquimalt Oldtimers will meet their present representatives in an exhibition game at 10 o'clock. The other games are: Sons of England vs. North Wards at Royal Athletic Park at 10:30 a.m.; Victoria Wests vs. United Services at Work Point, 2:30 p.m.

The Oldtimers are reported to be carrying some good players, most of whom are known to the followers of local soccer. These men have made a name for themselves on their previous exhibitions, and today, with some of their old time skill left, they feel confident they will be able to take the measure of their younger opponents. The present day Esquimalt eleven will introduce a new goal tender to the soccer fans in the name of McFane. This man is a dark horse and his record is not obtainable, but rumor has it that he is good. Today he will have a good chance to show his worth against the shots of the Oldtimer forwards.

At the Royal Athletic Park the Sons of England and the North Wards should put up a good battle. At present the Northerners are leading the First Division and in an endeavor to remain in their present berth they will trot out a strong eleven today. The Englishmen are taking no chances as they need the points to keep in the running, and, if the North Wards wish to make themselves secure in the top berth, they will have to step the whole of the game.

At Work Point

The morning game at Work Point will bring together the Victoria Wests and the United Services. The former team seemed to have met a snag in their last few games and today they are living in hope of climbing the ladder at the expense of the Service men. The United Services eleven have been going along at a nice clip of late, and their supporters feel confident they will be able to take the measure of their opponents.

Change in Lineup

The United Services will have a different lineup on the field today from that which has been seen in action during the last few weeks. Weir will replace Zanelli between the sticks, Ward will drop back to left half, and Whyte will fill Armstrong's position at inside right, as the latter player is still nursing a sore ankle, the result of the game on Christmas Day. Spiers will move up to inside left in place of Ward. With this eleven the Service men expect to continue their march in the First Division soccer race and add the redoubtable Greenshirts to their list of victims.

Today's lineups are announced as follows:

Esquimalt Oldtimers — Councillor Nicoll, F. Watt, Dr. McCallum, L. Ricketts, F. Henry, Reeve Lockley, A. T. Young, F. Woods, W. C. Stewart, F. Phillips, Commissioner Hadfield; reserves, Messrs. Rogers, Bennett and Jones.

Esquimalt—McFane, Watt, Mescher, Edwards, DeCosta, Stewart, Watt, Watt, Warren, Hay; reserves, Bendall, McColl and Simpson.

United Services—Weir; Grimes and Allen; Hawkes, Wylie and Ward; Cummings, Whyte, Coulter, Spiers and Cosier.

Sons of England — Carr-Hilton; Church, Armitage, Dryborough, Swan, Reg. Shanks, Hill, Phillips, Harwood, Richardson and Shanks.

Victoria Wests—Leeming, Baker, Copas, Popham, Thomas, Peden, Sherratt, Mulcahy, Wright, Muir and Waddington.

Very finely powdered cotton is used as a filtering material for certain solutions, and in the manufacture of phonograph records.

NOT RECOGNIZING NEW YORK TITLES

Chairman of National Boxing Association Says New York Athletic Body Exceeding Powers

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—Declaring that "so-called championships," held under the auspices of the New York State Athletic Commission, have no official standing outside that state, and that the winners are looked upon elsewhere as merely "paper champions," Latrobe Cogswell, president of the National Boxing Association and chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission, today launched an attack on the New York commission, charging that body with dominating the boxing game and attempting to dictate title matches.

Edffdie (Cannonball) Martin, of Brooklyn, who recently defeated Abe Goldstein in a match for the world's bantamweight title, will not be recognized as the 118-pound champion outside of New York State, declared Cogswell, nor will the winner of the match this Friday between Louis (Kid) Kaplan, of Meriden, Conn., and Danny Kramer, of Philadelphia, be recognized as the featherweight champion.

Neither of these matches has had the approval of the National Boxing Association, Cogswell declared, adding that the results of them also would be ignored by the International Boxing Union, of which the N.B.A. is the American member.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE REOPENS NEXT MONDAY

Following a fairly long lay-off on account of cold weather and holiday engagements the Victoria Basketball Association will resume its schedule on Monday with the following games on the programme for the week:

Monday

7:30—"C" Men, Navy vs. 11th Machine Gunners.
8:30—"A" Ladies, B.C. Telephone vs. Normal School.
9:30—"A" Men, J.B.A.A. vs. Tillicums.

Wednesday

7:30—"C" Men, Gorge vs. Spencers.
8:30—"B" Ladies, James Bay vs. Victoria Steam Laundry.
9:30—"B" Men, Sons of England vs. Tillicums.

Friday

7:30—"C" Men, Hudson's Bay vs. Y.M.C.A.
8:30—"A" Ladies, College vs. Civil Service.
9:30—"B" Men, C.P.S. vs. Ex-St. Mary's.

Y.M.C.A. Road Races Run This Morning

Four teams have entered in each of the Y. M. C. A. road races to be held today.

The teams entered in the junior race are as follows: First Presbyterian, Metropolitan, Victoria High School and Y.M.C.A., while the following will compete in the senior event: First Presbyterian, Christ Church, winners of last year's junior race; Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company and Y.M.C.A.

The junior race starts at 10 o'clock and the senior race directly after the finish of the first event.

The course is from Dallas Road and Heywood Avenue, running west to Douglas Street, round Park Road, Heywood Avenue, Park Boulevard, Vancouver and View Streets to the Y.M.C.A.

Officials will be as published yesterday.

BRUINS TRIMMED ON OTTAWA ICE

DENENNY GIVES SENATORS A FLYING START

St. Patricks Even Up With Montreals, Winning National League Game by Two to One

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Art Ross and his Boston Bruins made their first local appearance here tonight and were handed a five to two trimming by the Senators in a scheduled National Hockey League fixture.

Ottawas were never in danger of being overhauled after Denenny's two goals had sent them away to a flying start in the first period and their tireless attack netted them a total of five goals only, mainly through the brilliant work of Dr. Charlie Stewart in the nets.

Even Their Debt

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Toronto St. Pats evened their debt with Montreal here tonight when they captured the scheduled National Hockey League fixture by two to one. All the excitement of the game was packed into the last period. One goal behind in the third period, Montreal kept up a steady bombardment on Roach. Two melees occurred nithe St. Paul ranks as Montreal forwards shot and rushed Roach before he could clear. Ten players plied on Roach and the puck in real rugby style, but St. Pats kept their goal safe.

WOODWARD WINS

MONTREAL, Dec. 31—A. P. Woodward, well-known local professional billiard player, earned the right to travel to Winnipeg to compete in the second round of the Canadian billiard championship, when he won his first round match from Frank Pettley, last night, 1,500 to 1,274.

Woodward started last night's block of 750 facing a deficit of 137 points as the result of Monday night's play. Half way through he reached his best form, setting a high break at this stage of 152 and eventually winning handily. Pettley maintained his steady playing, but failed to reach the high spots set by his opponent. The winner averaged seventeen for the two nights' play.

ST. PATS AFTER STEWART

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The Toronto Telegram states the management of the St. Patricks, National Hockey League team, has made an offer to Nelson Stewart, the former Toronto boy, who is now connected with the Cleveland Indians. Stewart is in Toronto at present.

Invalid to Champion
Cyril Walker's Own Story

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This is the third of a series of articles in which Cyril Walker tells how he fought his way to golf supremacy against handicaps which would have beaten most of us.

Chapter III—I Get a Chance

By Cyril Walker, 1924 American Open Golf Champion

Perhaps, if I had stayed in England and lived the unhurried existence practised there I would never have gotten into the condition that so nearly proved my undoing in America. However, circumstances contrived to bring about the change and in the long run it was to work out for my advantage.

As a matter of fact, it had not been intended that I should be a professional golfer. My first ambition had been to be a stock broker and at thirteen I was placed in the office of one of those men whom I wished to emulate. I went to evening school and learned shorthand and bookkeeping.

But, meanwhile, memories kept intruding which I could not down. I kept thinking of the beauties of the outdoor life I had enjoyed as a caddy. I remembered how I had succeeded in winning a caddies' competition. And I recalled the words of the club professional, who had watched me eating a quick, light lunch day after day, so I could take advantage of the privilege of practising during the noon hour—"Great guns, you'd sooner play golf than eat!"

He was right. I loved the game and loved it dearly. And though I was able to keep in touch with it outside office hours, this was accomplished with difficulty. I began to long to be more intimate with it again.

Inside work was not suited to my constitution, either. So that when I finally approached my father on the matter I found him in a receptive mind.

"I understand," I told him, "that the professionals in golf do very well financially, particularly if they rank high. I'd love to get into the business."

Hired As Golf Apprentice

The upshot was that we went out to the Trafford Park course and interviewed the man who subsequently was to tell me that I never would be able to play golf—T. G. Renouf. And he agreed to give me a job as assistant when the opportunity offered.

This agreement was clinched in a way unknown to American golfers. My father paid Renouf a premium of five pounds and consented that I should go through the rigorous apprenticeship the job of assistant entailed, which included working after hours to learn the difficult art of club making. In return Renouf was to pay me a weekly wage of eight shillings—just half that which I was getting in the stock broker's office. The agreement coverd a year.

In due time a vacancy arose and I was summoned to fill it. And thus my career as a professional golfer began.

My hours were long. But I got plenty of fresh air and exercise—the latter including a six-mile bicycle ride between my home and the club, morning and evening—and my physical condition grew steadily better.

As Renouf's assistant I got more opportunities to practise and a frequent chance to go around with members. My game picked up wonderfully until the day arrived when I shot the 69 which caused my brush with Renouf.

This incident aroused in me a desire to get away from the Trafford Park Club. I began to dream of a new connection. Naturally I thought it would be a great thing if I could get a job at one of the big championship courses.

Just about the time I reached this mood a friend of mine, a traveling salesman for a golf goods concern, happened in. He was interested in me and he said:

"Say, if you ever want to make a change I can get you placed at Hoylake as assistant."

Hoylake! A championship course! The very thing I wanted!

I told him to fix things up for me.

Hoylake Teaches Me

It was at Hoylake that I really learned to play golf. Jack Morris, a brother of the celebrated Tom Morris, and an old veteran of the game, and Jack Youds were the professionals. But Morris was more or less inactive. He had been made an honorary member and had sold out his interest in the shop to Youds, who hired me as a club maker.

Morris spent most of his time playing with the older members, while Youds, being deeply interested in the profits of the shop, stuck rather closely to it. My game being pretty strung he often sent me out to play with the most expert members. Of course I benefitted from this.

The British Open Championship was played at Hoylake in 1913. In the qualifying round I accomplished a feat which led me to conclude there was a real future for me on the links. At the end of the day I stood second in my section. Only Laurie Ayton was ahead of me. He had a 152 and I 153. I finished ahead of George Duncan, Harry Vardon, James Braid, Harold Hilton and other well-known cracks, including my old friend, Renouf.

I didn't get very far in this tournament, but I knew that I was becoming good enough to compete with the best.

In the meantime a determination was crystallizing in me to come to America. At Hoylake I had met and played a round with many Americans. Their conduct and their conversation filled me with the belief that the United States was the land of opportunity.

That I finally decided to make the shift was due to a very great American golfer, none other than Jerry Travers. Travers and Fred Herreshoff had come over to England to play in the amateur championship. They practised at Hoylake, and ran into me one evening as I was trying out some new clubs.

"You seem to hit that ball d——— well, lad," Travers said, and asked me my name.

Travers Gives a Letter

I had a Stewart midiron which particularly attracted Travers' attention. He picked it up and handed it to Herreshoff.

"Neat club," he said. Then he offered me half a sovereign for it.

I refused, for I didn't want to sell. They argued the point with me, and finally I parted with it for seventeen shillings sixpence, a very good price.

This incident offered the opportunity for a conversation I had been wanting. I asked Travers the chances for a professional in America.

"All right if you are willing to work hard and not get discouraged," he said. And he added: "I'll help you."

He wrote me out a reference to be given to the manager of a big golf goods house in New York. In it he asked that the manager help me in every possible way to get a post, assuring him that he, Travers, would be very appreciative.

My family was against the proposition, but my mind was made up. I sailed for New York in March, 1914. I was trusting to luck and Jerry Travers' recommendation, for I had no job in sight.

I arrived on a Friday night. The next Tuesday I was assistant to Robert Pride, professional of the Racebrook Country Club, at New Haven, Conn. At that season of year all the places for professionals were filled, and I had to take the best I could find. But I was glad to have a job, and grateful that Travers' letter had done the work.

Connections followed during succeeding years at the Chackamaxon Club, Westfield, N.J.; the Golden Valley Club, Minneapolis, and other points. Finally I landed at the Englewood Club, Englewood, N.J. There I have been ever since. And it was to that club I brought back the 1924 American Open Championship.

Tomorrow—Going After It.

Sportive Punches
By the "Old 'Un"

This being NEW YEAR'S EVE as we write, suppose it's up to us to make a good resolution or two, according to immemorial custom.

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Speaking for ourselves, we, the Old 'Un, don't believe in trying to do something which we know beforehand is beyond our frail powers, so this time we will content ourselves with resolving to cut out drinking—champagne more than once a week—and to refrain from doing anything today which we can more conveniently put off until the day after tomorrow.

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That being disposed of, we feel at liberty to devote some of our valuable time and thought to helping out a few of our friends with suggestions for NEW YEAR'S resolutions.

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We suggest to:

The Sporting Editor—That he quit chewing (the rag).

The Financial Editor—That he refrain from blowing about the money he has made in STEWART mines in the presence of his less fortunate colleagues.

The Society Editor—That she learn once and for all how to spell Poinsettias. (We know that's right because we looked it up.)

The Society's Editor's Assistant—That she come round a little oftener.

The Police Reporter—That he stop crowding out reports of mothers' meetings with cuts from the Rogues' Gallery.

The Marine Editor—That he abstain from trying to "scoop" the Society Editor.

The Expert Hockey Writer—That he wear a less noisy pair of spats.

The Office Boy—That he smoke a milder brand of cigars and clean his pipe.

The Sporting Editor's Assistant—That he get his shoes "shined."

The Cashier—That he "raise" all the cheques.

The Dramatic Editor—That he give up golf! (Alarums and excursions.)

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That's done it. It's no good suggesting the impossible, so we'd better call a halt, and let the rest of them worry out their resolutions by themselves.

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A few good New Year's wishes to the sportsmen are also in order, we trust, so here's hoping that:

The GOLFERS may never be SHORT, never DOWN on their luck, and never IN THE HOLE (except on the links) throughout the year.

The SOCCER players may not be CORNERED nor HEADED AWAY from the GOAL of their ambition for 1925.

The RUGBY players may TRY, TRY, TRY again and again, and always be successful in getting the MAJOR POINTS of the year's prosperity.

The CRICKETERS may never be STUMPED, or RUN OUT of the good things of life, (or CAUGHT in their SLIPS!)

LOVE to the TENNIS players, and may they be SERVED well and NET a DEUCE of a lot of whatever is to their ADVANTAGE.

To the BASEBALL players we wish just the finest of DIAMONDS, and may it RAIN CHEQUES, so that they will never feel the PINCH of poverty or be tempted on the PATH of ERROR to do any BASE STEALING.

May the OARSMAN get hold of a good CATCH at the BEGINNING of 1925 and PULL THROUGH well to the FINISH with an EASY time in getting ahead, and no CRABS or WASHOUTS to stop his WAY.

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And so, in short,
In every sport,
Of evil nought,
But every sort
Of good, in thought,
The Old 'Un sends to all his friends and foes (if any)
May life be all and setbacks few and joys and uplifts many.

SEATTLE WILL MAKE VIGOROUS DEFENCE

No Soft Snap Awaiting Soccer Team From Victoria Which Is Playing Benefit Match There Today

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—The friendly feeling between the Maple Leaf and the Stars and Stripes during the past one hundred years has made it unnecessary for warlike preparation either side of the line, except in the realm of sport, and tomorrow Victoria is making an invasion of Washington to battle Seattle in a soccer contest, the proceeds of which are to go to the Orthopedic Hospital. Seattle is ready for the invaders and tomorrow at Woodland Park the Canadian and American representatives will face each other to decide the winner.

The Victoria team is bringing down a strong line-up, as the Canadian boys are beginning to realize that the Washington teams are not set-ups as was formerly the case about ten years ago. Only six months ago, Todd's shipyard sent a five-a-side team up to British Columbia and the shipbuilders won the coveted British Columbia trophy and for the first time in the cup's history it was lifted this side of the line.

Most responsible for this success was Bill Griffiths, the Seattle baseball and soccer star, who, although but a youngster, scored most of the goals for Seattle. Bill will be out tomorrow to duplicate this feat and will come in as inside right.

All players and officials have agreed to bear their own traveling and other expenses. Referee J. McLean will act as arbiter.

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MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

Thirteen Million Dollars in Ships Coming This Year

Seventy Thousand Tons of New Shipping Will Be Added to Victoria Shipping Tonnage During 1925 —Aorangi and New C. P. R. Steamers Are First in Importance on List of Ten Ships

N.Y.K. TRANSPACIFIC POLICY IS BIG BOON

THIS year will see one of the biggest port developments in Victoria's shipping history, if the number of new liners coming here can be taken as any criterion. Nearly $13,000,000 worth of new shipping, representing 70,000 tons, will come to Victoria during this year. Chief among the ten new liners coming is the Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi. This vessel is the largest and fastest motor liner in the world, and will have accommodation for nearly 1,000 passengers.

The ten new vessels coming to Victoria this year are as follows: MS. Aorangi, Princess Kathleen, Princess Murguerite, Lady Cynthia, Lady Cecilia, a passenger steamer for the Union Steamship Company's northern run, the MS. Atago Maru, MS. Asuka Maru, St. Florence and Salvage King.

Apart from this the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of the strongest steamship lines in Japan, has a big expansion plan for its transpacific service, which will mean a development to Victoria commensurate with the addition of the $13,000,000 worth of new shipping.

If it is successful in securing an increased subsidy from the Japanese Government, and there is every expectation that the N.Y.K. will secure this, the company will build five new 15,000-ton liners of the President typo, operated by the Admiral Oriental Line. Those will be built at a cost of approximately $3,000,000 each and will make a total expondituro of $15,000,000.

The Aorangi will sail on her maiden voyago to Victoria from England tomorrow, and will inaugurate the Canadian-Australian servico from this end, sailing about February 27. Tho vessel is 600 feet in length, with a beam of 72 feet and is 23,000 tons. She has four sets of engines, each developing 3,250 horsepower at 125 revolutions por minute, and is capable of attaining a speed of 18 knots.

Hor accommodation is 950 passengers in all. There are cabins for 380 first class and 284 second class. Tho holds will havo epace for over 400,000 cubic feet of cargo, of which one-quarter will be available for refrigerator produce.

The othor two motor liners coming here are the Atago and Asuka Maru of the N.Y.K. They are sister ships and have a length of 440 feet, with beam of 57 feet and depth of 38.6 feet. The Atago Maru is equipped with a four-stroke Burmeister & Wain typo Diesel engine, while the Asuka Maru has two two-stroke Diesel engines built by Messrs. Sulzer Bros.

The Princess Kathloen and Princess Marguerito are two-screw steamers of 368 feet in length, 60 feet in breadth, 28 feet 9 inchos in depth, and 6,000 tons. They have a speed of 22 knots an hour.

The Lady Cynthia and Lady Cecilia, of the Union Steamship Company, now under construction, are for day passenger service and will have a speed of sixteen knots, while the other vessel under construction for the same company will have the same speed but will be of the Cardena type, and used on the northern run.

The Salvage King, which will come here this Spring for the Pacific Salvage Company's service, is a vessel of approximately 500 tons and cost ever $500,000 to build, while the deep sea tug St. Florence, which will come here in February to enter the C.P.R. service, is a vessel of 420 tons and valued at $150,000.

The Aorangi is the most valuable liner coming to Victoria this year, being valued at approximately $6,000,000. This, with the other liners, brings the total value of new shipping coming to Victoria in 1925 to $12,750,000.

JAPANESE MAY CHANGE POLICY

CANADIAN AND U.S. OFFICERS MAY SUPPLANT

T.K.K. Considering Replacing of Officers to Encourage Passenger Business From Orient

A policy is being set by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha that may be soon followed by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shoesn Kaisha, it was stated hore yesterday.

Canadian and American officers may soon supplant the Japanese officers on liners of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and other Japanese operated ships.

Dropping off in the volume of passenger business is said to be responsible for the disposition of the T.K.K. officials to replace their Japanese officers with Canadians and Americans.

The company will first have to consult the Japaneee Government, as it is subsidized and one of its liners belongs to Japan. If the Government refuses to sanction the change and the company persists in substituting its present officers, it means that the T.K.K. will lose the subsidy, which, while not being any great amount, may be sufficient to make the company ponder over the matter for a long time.

A number of the officials of the company are of the opinion that if the change was made it would result in increased passenger business.

Niagara Falls Tragedies

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 31.—Eight persons committed suicide over the falls during 1924, according to definite data. Of these three were women. There is also a record of an unidentified man having gone over from Luna Island, but no body was ever found.

Leaves Friday on Maiden Trip to Victoria

THE MOTORSHIP AORANGI

ADMIRAL LINE WILL HAVE RECORD YEAR

MR. ALEXANDER IS OPTIMISTIC OVER 1925 OUTLOOK

Many Conventions in Pacific Northwest Will Bring Thousands of Tourists Here This Summer

In anticipation of a record year in passenger and freight business, a big programme of ship repairs and overhauling will be immediately undertaken by the Pacific Steamship Company, whose liners are better known under the Admiral house flag.

In a statement made yesterday by Mr. H. F. Alexander, president of the company, he said, "A feeling of great optimism is prevalent in marino circles for a record traffic year in 1925. There will be no less than twenty-nine conventions held in Seattle, to say nothing of the others in Vancouver, Victoria, Portland and othar Pacific Northwest cities. This means the arrival here of thousands of visitors."

The Pacific Steamship Company has made arrangements with the railroads so that tourists can now visit the Northwest at the samo rates as formerly existed when going directly by rail from Eastern points to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. The new combination of rates now permits tourists to travel via the Pacific Steamship Company to California from the Pacific Northwest without any extra expense.

Early this year the Pacific Steamship Company will be housed in its own building. The first unit of the company's new terminals will be ready March 1. This pier will accommodate California and Alaska ships, which now use Grand Trunk docks.

The H. F. Alexander, Ruth Alexander and Emma Alexander will all be given a thorough overhauling before the Spring movement of tourists from California commences. The new schedule will be announced at a later date.

MANY INJURED BY GINYO MARU FIRE

REPORTED INJURIES GREATER THAN FIRST EXPECTED

Devastated Liner Is Seventy Miles From Manzanillo, Being Towed by Julia Luckenbach

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—The fire ravaged the Japanese liner Ginyo Maru, which caught fire early yesterday morning off the west coast of Mexico and was proceeding slowly tonight to Manzanillo in tow of the Pacific Mail motorship City of San Francisco.

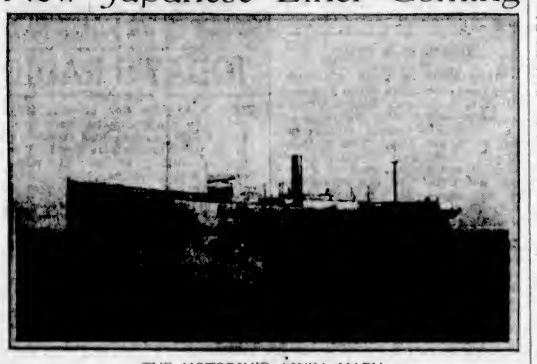
According to advices received by the disabled vessel, which in places was burned nearly to the waterline, sho was about 70 miles north of the Mexican port and expected to arrive there tomorrow.

Today's messages indicated that more persons than first thought had been injured in the fire. The dispatches stated that many of the passengers and members of the crew, who were taken aboard the Julia Luckenbach, are in such a serious condition that they cannot be removed from that vessel. Yesterday's messages announced tho death of two children and severe injury of two others.

The fire which swept the Japanese ship was reported as still smouldering, but completely under control.

It is estimated that the people of the United States have spent one billion dollars for diamonds in the last fifty-five years.

New Japanese Liner Coming



THE MOTORSHIP ASUKA MARU

The Asuka Maru is one of the two ships built by D. & W. Henderson & Company, Limited, Partick, for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's transpacific service. The other is the Atago and is alike in every respect save that of the machinery installed, the Asuka having two Harland & Wolff Burmeister & Wain four-stroke engines and the other vessel being fitted with a pair of Sulzer two-stroke engines.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

TACOMA, Dec. 31. — Arrived: Arizona Maru, Fulton, Vancouver; Sarman Frash, Wahkeena; El Cleuta, San Francisco; Skagway, Seattle. Sailed: Anur, Britannia Beach, B.C.; Anyox, Skagway, Fulton, Seattle; Admiral Dewey, Everett; Jacox, Silverado, El Cleuta, San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31. — Arrived: Jacox, Admiral Dewey, Everett; Horace X. Baxter, Barbara C., San Francisco; United States cableship Delwood, Bremerton; Kewanee, Avon; Yokohama Maru, Vancouver, B.C. Sailed: Barbara C., El Cleuta, Tacoma; Nebraska, Portland; Admiral Rogers, Southeastern Alaska.

JUNEAU, Dec. 31.—Sailed: Northwestern, southbound.

EVERETT, Dec. 31. — Arrived: Colusa, Bellingham; Ryujin Maru, Kobe; Admiral Dewey, Tacoma. Sailed: Skagway, Tacoma.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Arrived: Robert Luckenbach, Boston; Colombia, New York; J. A. Moffatt, San Francisco. Sailed: Boobyalla, Siberia Maru, San Pedro; Rosalio Mahoney, Portland; Robert Luckenbach, Seattle; Cathwood, Drechtdyk, Admiral Sebree, Vancouver.

Arrived

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 26.—Theodoro Roosevelt, San Francisco.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Aquitania, Southampton.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30. — Heiyai Maru, Portland.

Sailed

CRISTOBAL, Dec. 30.—Swift Wind, San Francisco.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28.—West Jessup, Portland.

ANTWERP, Dec. 28.—Oklaltoma, Los Angeles.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—West Jappa, South America Commercial Traveller, Charles H. McCormick, New York.

COASTWISE SAILINGS

To Vancouver

C.P.R. Vessels—3:15 p.m. and 11:45 p.m., daily.

To Seattle

C.P.R. Vessels—4:30 p.m., daily.

SS. Sol Duc—10:15 a.m., daily, except Sundays (via Port Angeles).

To Port Angeles

SS. Sol Duc—10:15 a.m., daily, except Sundays.

To West Coast

SS. Princess Mequinna—11:00 p.m., on 1st, 10th and 20th of each month.

Gulf Island Route

SS. Otter leaves Belleville Street Wharf every Monday at 7:15 a.m., and every Wednesday at 8 a.m.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighter, Dec. 2, left Panama Canal for U.K.

Canadian Highlander, Dec. 13, left Victoria for U.K.

Canadian Importer, Dec. 14, arrived Fraser River.

Canadian Inventor, Dec. 1, left Sydney for Victoria.

Canadian Planter, Nov. 26, left Victoria for Australia.

Canadian Prospector, Dec. 3, left Panama Canal for Halifax.

Canadian Scottish, Nov. 28, arrived St. John.

Canadian Skirmisher, Nov. 26, left Glasgow for Victoria.

Canadian Spinner due here this morning.

Canadian Transporter, Dec. 12, arrived Birkenhead.

Canadian Winner, Dec. 7, left Yokohama for Kobe.

Canadian Coaster, Dec. 14, left Powell River.

Canadian Farmer, Dec. 16, arrived San Pedro.

Canadian Observer, Dec. 9, arrived Ocean Falls.

Canadian Rover, Dec. 15, left Ocean Falls.

Canadian Trooper, Sept. 24, arrived Vancouver.

Canadian Volunteer, Dec. 11, arrived Vancouver.

Canadian Miller, Dec. 7, left Union Bay for Orient.

SHIPPING CALENDAR

To Arrive

Yokohama Maru, Orient December 21.

Arizona Maru, Orient, December 22.

President Jackson, Orient, December 24.

Empress of Australia, Orient, December 24.

Toyooka Maru, Orient, January 3.

Arabia Maru, Orient, January 3.

President Jefferson, Orient, January 5.

Niagara, Australia, January 9.

Empress of Asia, Orient, January 26.

To Sail

Tokiwa Maru, Orient, December 16.

Mekura, Australia, December 17.

Africa Maru, Orient, December 19.

President McKinley, Orient, December 22.

President Jackson, Orient, January 2.

Yokohama Maru, Orient, January 7.

Arizona Maru, Orient, January 9.

Niagara, Australia, January 14.

E. & N. SCHEDULE

Victoria to Wellington, 9 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. daily.

Victoria to Courtenay, 9 a.m. daily, except Sunday.

Victoria to Port Alberni, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Vancouver.

Victoria to Lake Cowichan, 9 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

JANUARY

China and Japan

Empress of Australia—Mails close January 2, 4 p.m. Due Yokohama, Jan. 15; Shanghai, Jan. 20; Hong Kong, Jan. 23.

President Jackson—Maile close January 3, 4 p.m. Duo Yokohama Jan. 15; Shanghai, Jan. 20; Hong Kong, Jan. 24.

Yokohama Maru—Maile close Jan. 7, 4 p.m. Due at Yokohama, Jan. 22; Shanghai, Feb. 3.

Arizona Maru—Maile close Jan. 9, 4 p.m. Due Yokohama, Jan. 28; Shanghai, Feb. 4; Hong Kong, Feb 9

Protesilaus—Maile close Jan. 15, 9 a.m. Due Yokohama, Jan. 29; Hong Kong, Feb. 11.

Arabia Maru—Mails close Jan. 16, 4 p.m. Due Yokohama, Feb. 1; Shanghai, Feb. 11.

Toyooka Maru—Maile close Jan. 19, 11 p.m. Due Yokohama, Feb. 7.

President McKinley—Maila close Jan. 27, 4 p.m. Due Yokohama, Feb. 8; Shanghai, Feb. 13; Hong Kong, Feb. 17.

Empress of Asia—Mails close Feb. 6, 4 p.m. Due Yokohama Feb. 18; Shanghai, Feb. 22; Hong Kong, Feb. 25.

Australia and New Zealand

Niagara—Mails close Jan. 14, 4 p.m. Due Auckland Feb. 2; Sydney, Feb. 7.

Sierra (via San Francisco)—Mails close Jan. 17, 4 p.m. Due Sydney, Feb. 10.

Maunganui (via San Francisco)—Mails close Jan. 25, 4 p.m. Due Wellington, Feb. 16; Sydney, Feb. 21.

1924 Weather Unusual; Notable for New Records

Most Prolonged Cold Spell Ever Registered in Victoria Occurred Last Month—July Developed Warmest Day in Past Half Century —Year Was Marked by Abundance of Sunshine—Meteorologist Reviews Characteristics of Twelve Month Period

By F. NAPIER DENISON
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IN the accompanying table, showing certain climatic data for the past year, it is interesting to note that the barometric pressure upon several occasions was abnormally high. The maximum of 30.70 inches in December comes within .07 inch of being the highest recorded since observations were taken in 1891. The monthly mean temperature was above the average in January, February, March, May and October. Below average in August, September, November and December, and about average in April, June and July. The highest temperature of 92 which occurred on the 24th of July, is the highest on record for the past fifty years. The lowest temperature, 12 on the 16th of December, was not the coldest ever recorded in that month, for in 1884 it fell to 8 and in 1879 to zero, but from the 15th to the 26th the temperature remained so low that it has made the most prolonged cold spell on record.

As regards precipitation, it was generally below average, but being abnormally heavy in February, April and December the total for the year just reached the average amount. The amount of snowfall which is included in the above was only seven-tenths of an inch, one-half inch falling in December and one-tenth of an inch in both January and March.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-four was a sunny year with a total of 2,298 hours and 30 minutes of bright sunshine, which means that Victoria enjoyed an average daily amount of over six hours, and during the Summer months the daily allowance was about ten hours. Nineteen hundred and twenty-four was a windy year and the highest velocity for one hour was 56 miles from the southeast, 53 miles an hour were also recorded in February, November and December, the latter high wind occurring during the beginning of the recent record cold spell.

Barometer at Sea Level

	Mean	Highest	Lowest
January	30.11	30.62	29.94
February	30.05	30.36	29.45
March	30.14	30.49	29.83
April	30.07	30.40	29.76
May	30.03	30.24	29.78
June	30.05	30.29	29.80
July	30.03	30.21	29.81
August	29.99	30.40	29.64
September	29.96	30.31	29.62
October	30.06	30.42	29.40
November	30.13	30.70	29.43
December	30.06	30.70	29.12

Temperature

	Mean	Difference From Average	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date
	Deg. F.	Deg.	Deg		Deg.	
January	46	1 above	66	29	17	1
February	45	5 above	63	17, 25	21	9
March	46	1 above	67	24	31	29
April	49	2	70	29	36	15
May	55	3 above	83	12	37	3
June	57	0	83	29	45	7
July	60	0	92	24	48	7, 20
August	58	2 below	71	11	46	28
September	57	1 below	82	13	42	26
October	51	1 above	64	6	40	10
November	43	2 below	56	20	31	12
December	38	3 below	58	10	13	16
Year	50	1 above	92	..	12	..

Precipitation

	Inches	Difference From Average
January	2.65	1.74 below
February	5.39	3.20 above
March	.61	1.70 below
April	1.83	.69 above
May	.89	.92 below
June	.84	.39 below
July	.22	.10 below
August	.50	.14 below
September	2.30	.94 above
October	3.10	.81 above
November	4.20	2.34 below
December	5.27	1.49 above
Year	27.99	Average

Bright Sunshine

	Hours	Difference From Average	Avge. Daily Amt.
January	54.1	16 below	1.7
February	89.3	4 below	3.1
March	180.9	29 above	5.8
April	197.8	3 below	6.6
May	313.5	44 above	10.1
June	287.7	29 above	9.9
July	288.0	4 above	10.8
August	284.6	19 below	9.2
September	223.9	39 above	7.7
October	147.4	14 above	4.8
November	85.6	4 above	2.7
December	89.9	28 above	2.8
Year	2298.5	186 above	6.3

Wind

	Average Miles per Hr.	Highest Hourly	Direction
January	11	39	S.E.
February	11	53	S.E.
March	11	42	S.W.
April	14	48	S.W.
May	12	48	S.W.
June	12	43	S.W.
July	13	49	S.W.
August	11	32	S.W.
September	9	40	S.W.
October	12	50	S.E.
November	11	53	S.W.
December	13	53	N.E.
Year	12	53	S.E.

TIJUANA RACING

Wednesday's Results

First race, three-quartere mile: 1, Bodazzle (107), McHugh ($5.80, $4.40, $2.80); 2, Margaret White (101), Schaeffer ($5.40, $3.00); 3, Lamsted (107), Molter ($2.60).

Second race, three-quarters mile: 1, Top o' the Morning (107), Roberts ($4.00, $2.40, $2.40); 2, Noonglide (110), Edwards ($2.80, $2.60), 3, Canderosa (106), Gormley ($4.40).

Third race, three-quarters mile: 1, Night Boat (109), Walla ($5.00, $3.00, $2.60); 2, Bon Box (104), Greenwood ($6.40, $5.00); 3, The Nephew (106), Barnes ($5.60).

Fourth race, mile and sixteenth: 1, Tom Craven (108), Molter ($3.60, $2.60, $2.20); 2, Marine Corps (106), Barnes ($3.20, $2.80); 3, Calithump (101), Young ($3.40).

Fifth race, five-eighths mile: 1, Stuart Horse (104), Young ($26.00, $12.00, $7.40); 2, Runleg (108), Corbett ($4.80, $3.40); 3, Miss Shasta (100), Fisher ($3.20).

Sixth race, five and half furlongs: 1, Stroller (106), Griffin ($6.80, $3.40, $2.60); 2, Redskin (109), Fisher ($3.60, $2.80); 3, Wilmer the Wizard (103), Hooper ($2.60).

Seventh race, mile and sixteenth: 1, Black Chasta (105), Griffin ($13.20, $8.40, $5.60); 2, Halu (115), Creery ($11.40, $6.90); 3, Prosarvator (110), Young ($3.00).

Eighth race, five-eighths mile: 1, Arctic King (110), Craig ($4.60, $2.80, $2.30); 2, Dr. McArthur (108), Baker ($3.30, $2.60); 3, Sweet and Low (103), Greonwood ($2.60).

Overnight Entries

First race, quarter mile: Miss Eugene, 115; Brevet, 115; Norita Girl, 115; Guess the Time, 115; Shasta Girl, 115; Panola, 115; Lady Allen, 115; Molasses, 115; War Bells, 115; Jersey Red, 115; Miss Lester, 115; Swiftlady, 115.

Second race, five-eighths mile: Lady Tiptoe, 105; Shasta Springs, 105; Smiling, 105; Miss Ormond, 105; Miss Fryer, 105; Lucille Russell, 105; T. J. Pendergast, 107; Little Lass, 107; Cornstalk, 107; Bonny Bonny, 107; Hal Wright, 107; Dr. Hall, 107; Rose Atkin, 110; Crowner, 110; Briar Sweet, 110; Ruby, 112; Rose Roberts, 115; Herald, 117.

Third race, mile and 70 yards: Car, 106; Apricot, 106; Arravan, 106; Meteor, 101; Poacher, 101; Au Revoir, 101; Royal Queon, 103; Leonback, 104; Ev. Harrigan, 104; Donatello, 107; Pembroke, 105; Norain, 105; Manniken II, 109; Ten Can, 119; Walter Dant, 110; Willow Tree, 110; Tom Owens, 110; Handsweep, 110.

Fourth race, three-quarters mile: Swostgrass, 99; Helen Van, 101; Lena Wood, 102; Wracklane, 104; Beth'e Bacon, 104; Lord Valentine, 107; Flittar Belle, 107; Sequen, 109; Poppina, 111.

Fifth race, mile and sixteenth: Canoe, 90; Tracer, 90; Eminent, 93; Firm Friend, 99; All Over, 106; Cherry Tree, 116; Osprey, 116.

Sixth race, five and half furlongs: Edmon, 83; Rundark, 90; Belle of Elizabethtown, 93; Lord Allen, 95; False Face, 96; Runolathe, 98; Deputy, 98; My Reverie, 103; Sunnyland, 105; Right on Time, 105; Better Luck, 104; Gen. Thatcher, 110; Krewer, 110.

Seventh race, mile and eighth: Beth Page, 86; Jolly Cephas, 101; Piedra, 101; Dellahm, 103; Clanmore, 104; Romulus, 105; Superking, 107; Diomed, 108; Nebraska Lad, 113.

Eighth race, five and half furlongs: Timely Thoughts, 85; Stamp, 94; Ponimoi, 98; Theimas C., 100; Zig Zag, 100; Alliro, 105; Pennon, 105; Cancellation, 105; Frank S., 107; Cav. Emptor, 107; Sunbow, 108; Coffield, 108, Brandeis, 108; Zorro, 109; Seth's Alibi, 109; Excuse Me, 110; Dixie Boy, 103.

Clear and fast.

Six Die in Boats When Spanish Ship Founders in Storm

NORLAIX, France, Jan. 1.—The Spanish steamer Alfredo foundered in a gale 30 miles northwest of the Finisterre coast last Monday night, it was learned today. Twolve members of the crew of 18 landed here this afternoon, six men having died from exposure in the open boats.

A French scientist claims that a motor fuel similar to gasoline can be made from vegotablo oils.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
JANUARY

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of January, 1925.

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	8:08	4:27	17	8:00	4:47
2	8:08	4:28	18	7:59	4:49
3	8:06	4:29	19	7:58	4:50
4	8:06	4:30	20	7:57	4:52
5	8:05	4:31	21	7:56	4:53
6	8:05	4:32	22	7:55	4:54
7	8:05	4:33	23	7:54	4:56
8	8:05	4:34	24	7:53	4:58
9	8:05	4:36	25	7:52	4:59
10	8:05	4:37	29	7:51	5:01
11	8:04	4:38	27	7:50	5:02
12	8:04	4:40	28	7:49	5:04
13	8:03	4:41	29	7:47	5:05
14	8:05	4:43	30	7:46	5:07
15	8:03	4:44	31	7:45	5:08
16	8:01	4:46			

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Finance and Commerce

STOCK MARKET CRASHES THROUGH

New York Exchange Winds Up the Year With Spectacular '23 for General Electric

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock market today closed the year with one of the most impressive demonstrations of strength witnessed in the current post-election boom. The average of representative industrials was lifted to a record height, even eclipsing the peak established in the 1919 market.

Overshadowing all other developments in the market was a spectacular rise of 25 points in General Electric to a new high price at 322, based on a revision of Wall Street's estimates of the value of a distribution to stockholders through segregation of the company's public utility holdings. Opening with an overnight gain of 11 points the stock was bid up one and two points at a time until the high level was reached. Profit-taking subsequently caused a reaction, but the shares closed within two points of the top for a net gain of 23 points.

Year-End Settlements

The large volume of cash transactions, representing year-end settlements to establish profits or losses for income purposes, was a feature of the day's trading. Total sales exceeded 1,500,000 shares, with 25 individual issues breaking into new highs.

Trading was stimulated to some extent by a drop in the call money rate to 4½ per cent, after opening at 5 per cent.

Time loans scarce demand caused a slight easing in rates. Commercial paper quotations were unchanged at 3¾ to 4 per cent. Sterling closed the year at $4.73⅛, within a bare fraction of its 1924 high level, after recovering a cent from an early decline. Trading in other European currencies was quiet, French francs moving up 1½ to 5.42.

Although pre-holiday influences retarded the price of trading in the bond market, prices held firm and in some groups scored moderate advances. Sentiment was improved by slight easing in time money rates as the demand for funds slackened.

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis Chalmers	71-7	71-7	71-7
Allied Chem.	54-6	51-2	54-2
Am. Beet Sugar	40-3	40-3	40-6
Am. Bosh. Mag.	32-4	32-4	32-4
Am. Can	160	156-5	160
Am. Car & Fdy.	158	158	158
Am. Locomotive	108-4	106-4	108-4
Am. Smeltera	67-3	66-6	67-6
Am. Steel Fdy	66	66	66
Am. Sugar	51-6	51-6	51-6
Am. Tel. & Tel.	130	130	130
Am. Tobacco	87	87	87
Am. Woolens	65	63-4	66
Anaconda	47-6	47-3	47-3
Atchison	117-4	117-3	117-4
Baldwin Loco.	127-4	125-3	126-3
Baltimore & Ohio	76-4	76-4	76-4
Bethlehem Steel	50	46-6	46-6
California Packing	100	100	100
Californie Petr	23-4	23-3	23-4
Can Pacific	149-1	146-1	148-1
Cast Iron Pipe	166-6	166-2	166-3
Cerro De Pasco	54	54	54
Central Leather	16-5	16-5	16-5
Chandler	36-4	36-4	36-4
Chesap'ks & Ohio	65-1	65-1	65-1
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	14-4	14-4	14-4
C. M. & St. P. pfd	26-7	26-7	26-7
Chi. R. I. & Pac.	44-2	44-6	44-6
Chile Copper	36-6	36-6	36-6
Chino Copper	66-2	65-3	66-2
Col. Fuel & Iron	46-7	46-7	46-7
Cons. Gas	76-6	76-5	76-5
Cont. Can.	68-6	68-6	68-6
Cosden Oil	26-4	26-4	26-4
Cuba Am. Sugar	66-6	66-6	23-6
Cuba C. Sugar	16-1	16-4	16-4
Cuba C. Sug. pfd	56-6	56-3	56-6
Crucible Steel	74-7	74-7	74-7
Davison Chem.	46-4	46-4	46-4
Dupont Powder	138-6	138-6	138-6
Endicott Johnson	66	66	66
Erie	21-6	21-6	21-6
Famous Players	67-2	67-6	67-2
General Asphalt	60-4	60-4	60-4
Gen. Electric	320-4	305	320-4
Gen. Motors	84-7	84-7	84-7
Goodrich Rubber	37-3	37-6	37-3
Granby	60-6	30-6	30-6
Great North. Pfd	69-7	69-7	69-7
Gulf States Steel	86	86	86
Houston Oil	60	60	60
Inspiration	62-3	62-3	32-2
Intl. Harvester			167
Int. Mer. Mar. pfd.	44-6	44-6	44-6
Int. Nickel	26-4	25-4	25-4
Kennicott Copper	66	66	66
Kelly Springfield	17-6	17-1	17-6
Lehigh Valley	77-6	77-5	77-5
Louis. & Nash.	107-4	107-4	107-4
Mack Truck	117	117	117
Marland Oil	28	28	28
Maxwell A.	80	80	80
Maxwell B.	36-1	36-1	36-1
Mex Seaboard	21-3	21-3	21-6
Miami	33	33	66
Middlestates Oil	1-1	1	1-1
Miss. Pacific	61	61	31
Montgomery Ward	48	48	48
National Biscuit	71-4	71-4	71-4
National Enamel	63	36	63
National Lead	168	168	166
Nevada Cons.	16-3	16-3	16-6
Norfolk & West	128-2	128-2	128-2
North American	46-4	46-4	46-4
N. Y. Central	118-3	118-6	118-6
N.Y. N.H. & Hart	60-1	60-1	20-1
Pacific Oil	54-6	54-2	54-6
Pan. American	62-4	62-4	62-4
Pan. American B.	63-4	63-1	63-4
Pennsylvania R. R.	47-6	47-6	47-6
Phillips Pete	37	37	37
Producers & Ref.	28-7	28-7	68-7
Punta Allegre	39-2	39-2	36-2
Pure Oil	69-4	69-4	69-4
Reading	73	73	73
Replogle Steel	21	21	21
Rep. Iron & Steel	61-2	61-6	61-6
Royal Dutch	56-1	56-5	53-1
Sears Roebuck	148	148	148
Shell Union	21-4	21-4	21-4
Sinclair Cons.	17-1	17-1	17-1
Southern Pac.	101-5	101-6	101-5
Southern Railway	27-6	27-5	27-6
Standard Oil Cal.	62-4	62-2	62-4
Stewart Warner	69-3	68-3	69-2
Stromburg Carb.	70-7	70-7	70-7
Studebaker	44-5	44	44
Texas Co.	42-6	42-6	42-6
Texas Gulf Sulphur	108	105	108
Texas Pacific Ld.	45-6	45-2	45-3
Tex. Pac C. & O	11	11	11
Tobacco Prod	72-1	72-1	73-1
Tobacco Prod. A	66-4	62-4	62-4
Transcont. Oil	4	4	4
Union Pacific	148-4	148-4	148-4
U. S. Ind. Alco	86-7	86-7	86-7
U. S. Rubber	41-3	41-3	41-3
U. S. Steel	118-4	116-4	116-4
Utah Copper	67-1	67-1	67-1
Vanadium	29-5	29-5	66-5
Wabash	56	58	58
Western Union	117-7	117-7	117-7
Westing Elec.	70-7	70-7	70-7
Willys Overland	10-7	10-4	10-7
Woolworth	163	123	123
Radio Corpn.	61-6	58-7	64

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Foreign exchanges steady.

Great Britain—Demand, 476½; cables, 473⅝; 60-day bills on banks, 470⅛.

France—Demand 5.46; cables 5.46⅛.

Italy—Demend 4.38⅛; cables 4.38⅝.

Belgium—Demand 4.38½; cables 4.66.

Germany—Demand 26.81.

Holland—Demand 40.47.

Norway—Demand 16.08.

Sweden—Demand 66.64.

Denmark—Demend 17.81.

Switzerland—Demand 16.47.

Spain—Demand 15.67.

Greece—Demand 1.61⅛.

Poland—Demand .19¼.

Czecho-Slovakia—Demand 2.62.

Jugo-Slavia—Demand 1.66.

Austria—Demand .0014⅛.

Roumania—Demend 62¼.

Argentina—Demand 40.12.

Brazil—Demend 11.60.

Tokio—Demand .46⅝.

Montreal—Demand 96⅜.

MONTREAL STOCKS

	High	Low	Bid
Abitibi	60-5	60-5	60-6
Asbestos	35	35	66
Bell Telephone	136	136	136
Brompton Paper	61-4	61-4	31-4
Brazilian Trac.	57	57	57
Can. Cement com.	66-4	66-4	66-4
Can. Cement pfd	107-4	107-4	107-4
Can. Car Fdy. com.	61-6	61-6	61-6
Can. Car Fdy. pfd.	95-4	95-4	66-4
Can. S.S. com.	10	16	10
Can. S.S. pfd.	46	46	46
Can. Cottons	107	107	107
Can. Converters	66	66	60
Cons. M. & S.	47	47	47
Detroit United	26	26	66
Dom. Bridge	60	60	60
Dom. Canners	46-4	49-4	49-4
Dominion Glass	..	..	114
Dominion Textile	66	66	66
Lake of Woods Milling	186	186	186
Laurentide Co.	61	61	61
National Breweries	66-7	66-7	66-7
Mackay Co.	116	116	116
Atlantic Sugar	13	16	16
Ontario Steel	40	40	40
Howard Smith	64-7	24-7	64-7
Ogilvie Mig. Co.	270	270	270
Ottawa Power	95	96	95
Penman's, Ltd.	166	163	163
Shawinigan	126-2	126-2	126-2
Spanish River Pulp	101-6	101-6	101-6
Spanish R. Pulp pfd.	113-6	116-6	113-6
Steel of Canada	66	66	66
Toronton Ry.	116	115	115
Twin City Elec.	67-1	67-1	67-1
Weyagamac Pulp	70	66	66
Montreal Power	..	..	156-1

MONEY MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Call money easy; high 5; low 4½; ruling rate 5; closing bid 4½; offered at 4¾; last loan 4½; call loans against acceptances 3½.

Time loans firm; mixed collateral 60-90 days 3½ @ 3¾ per cent; 4-6 months 3¾ per cent.

Prime commercial paper 3½ @ 3¾ per cent.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Money 4 per cent. Discount rates: Short bills 3⅝ @ 3 11-16 per cent; three months' bills 3¾ per cent.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

Mining	Bid.	Asked.
Boundary Red Mountain	.16	..
Rowena Copper	..	.16
Consolidated M. & S.	41.00	..
Cork Province	.65	..
Dougias Channel	..	.02
Dunwell Mines	4.00	4.50
Eldorado	..	.40
Glacier Creek	.60	.26
Granby	33.00	..
Hazelton Gold Cobalt	..	.02
Hemlock Creek Placer	.65	..
Howe Sound	2.75	3.00
Independence	..	.18
Indian Mines	..	.06
International Coal	.16	.18
McGillivray Coal	.65	.75
Premier Mines	2.00	2.10
Rufus	.10	.17
Sheep Creek Consolidated	..	.00½
Silver Crest Mines	.12	..
Silversmith	..	.35
Standard Silver Lead	..	.60
Sunloch Mines	.20	..
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.10
Terminus	.59	.60
L. & L. Glacier	.16	.14
Oils		
Boundary Bay Oil	..	.60 1-16
Empire Oil	..	.00⅛
Spartan Oil	..	.00⅛
Sweetgrass	..	.00⅛
Trojen Oil	..	.06
Utility Oil	..	.00⅛
B. C. Montana	.60⅛	.00⅝
Miscellaneous		
B. C. Permanent Loan	97.00	..
Canada National Fire	36.00	40.00
C. P. R.	147.00	150.00
Great West Perm. Loan	..	64.00
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	2.00
Amal. Appliance	..	.40
B. C. Marine	..	100.00
Unlisted		
Porter Idaho	20.00	25.00

WHEAT CLOSES YEAR WITH BULLISH MOVE

Stronger Liverpool Advices and Good Demand Enables Winnipeg to Recover Lost Ground

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—Unexpected strength in Liverpool cables and an excellent class of buying here at the opening, gave the wheat market during its closing session of the year, a very bullish appearance, and practically all of Tuesday's losses were recovered. The close, which was around the high price of the day, showed price improvements ranging from 5¼ to 5½.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	180½	186⅝	178⅝	182⅝
May	183⅛	187½	183⅛	187⅛
July	182	184⅝	180	184⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	63⅜	66	66⅛	65½b
May	63½	64½	63½	64½
July	69⅜	70½	69½	70
Barley—				
Dec.	86	86⅝	89	90½b
May	64½	66½	64¾	96½
Flax—				
Dec.	264½	266¼	264¼	266 a
May	676	676	674	675
Rye—				
Dec.	143⅝b	..	..	144⅝b
May	144	160	144	146¼
July	147⅝	149	147⅝	146

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 184½; 2 nor., 178⅛; 3 nor., 173½; No. 4, 165⅛; No. 5, 156½; No. 6, 144½; feed, 124½; track, 183½.

Oats—2 cw., 66; 3 cw. and extra 1 feed, 61; 1 feed, 59; 2 feed, 55; rejected, 49½; track, 64½.

Barley—3 cw., 93; 4 cw., 85½; rejected, 82½; feed, 80½; track, 91½.

Flax—1 nwc., 265; 2 cw., 261; 3 cw. and rejected, 248; track, 265½.

Rye—2 cw., 141⅝.

FOREIGN BONDS

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

Argentine 6's, 1657	85½
Belgian 7½'s, 1645	108⅝
French 7½'s, 1941	99⅝
Italian 6's, 1925	102⅝
German 7's, 1949	63⅞
Norway 6's, 1946	68⅝
Reina 7's, 1942	86
Swedun 6's, 1939	104½

METAL MARKETS

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Standard copper, spot £66 15s, futures £67 17s 6d; electrolytic, spot £70 15s, futures £71 5s; tin, spot £270, futures £273 2s 6d; lead, spot £43 7s 6d, futures £41 5s; zinc, spot £39, futures £38 3s 6d.

At New York

Copper, firm; electrolytic, spot and futures, 15c; tin easy, spot and nearby $58.62, futures $58.75; iron steady and unchanged; lead steady, spot $9.60 to $10.25; zinc steady, East St. Louis, spot $7.80, futures $7.80 to $7.82; antimony, spot $17.75.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Eggs firm. Storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 43c; storage seconds, 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c.

Butter: No. 1, 35½c to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34½ to 35c; seconds, 33½ to 33¾c.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Sterling exchange steady at $4.70⅝ for sixty-day bills and $4.73⅛ for demand. Canadian dollars, 99⅝.

At Victoria

Buying, $4.53⅝; selling, $4.56⅛.

BAR SILVER

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Bar silver 31 13-16d per ounce.

At New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bar silver 65¾. Mexican dollars 51⅝.

NEW YORK SUGAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Raw sugar 4.59; refined 6.65 to 7.10.

OPTIMISM IN BRITAIN'S LEADING INDUSTRIES

Better Trade Conditions Hold Out Most Encouraging Prospects for Coming Year

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Most of the leading industries of this country anticipate the New Year with unqualified optimism. There has been a large increase recently in money circulation and the overseas trade is showing gradual expansion. There are hopes of reduced taxation, better Dominion trade and improved European conditions and these encourage a feeling of cheerfulness on the eve of the New Year.

The cloud that has hung over the cotton trade for some time shows signs of lifting through the partial settlement of continental affairs and better purchasing power of India, along with the big United States crop which is a still more powerful stimulus.

Shipping Prospects Brighter

Even the leaders in the shipping industry which perhaps has been the most depressed of all the industries in Great Britain are disposed to hold the view that the surplus tonnage will be quickly absorbed. The coal trade, however, remains in the depths of depression. Nearly eighty mines are idle in Northumberland alone.

The Sheffield Steel and Iron Works are cheered by substantial contracts for the British railways.

In the Northampton boot trade the feeling is entirely hopeful for the year 1925.

New Method of Reducing Fat

Here's joyful news for every fleshy person who loves good things to eat—especially those who are denying themselves the things they like most because of their desire to keep down their weight or to reduce the fat with which they are already burdened.

The famous Marmola Prescription has been put up in convenient tablet form and is now sold by druggists everywhere at only one dollar per box. To get rid of fat steadily and easily, simply take one of these little tablets after each meal and at bedtime until you have reduced your weight to where you want it. No wrinkles or flabbiness will remain to show where the fat came off.

Simply use Marmola Prescription Tablets according to directions. They are pleasant and easy to take. No rules or special regulations—just the regular use of the tablets. Try them for just a few weeks and get results without going through long stages of tiresome exercise and starvation diet. Get them at any good drug store. If your druggist should not have them in stock you can secure them direct from the Marmola Company, General Motors Building, Detroit, Mich., by sending one dollar. Thousands of men and women each year regain healthy, slender figures this way. (Advt.)

Wholesale Row

(Revised December 31.)

Eggs	
Fresh Extras (scarce), doz.	.66
Fresh Firsts (scarce), doz.	.60
Fresh Pullet Extras, doz.	.50
Butter	
Prints, special bricks, cartons	.41
Prints, No. 1	.40
Prints, No. 2	.37
Dairy solids	.30
Dairy prints	.31
Cheese	
B.C. large lb.	.21
B.C. triplets, lb.	.21½
Alberta solids, lb.	.20½
Alberta twins, lb.	.20⅝
Alberta triplets, lb.	.21
Alberta stiltons, lb.	.26
Ontario solids, lb.	.26½
Ontario twins, lb.	.26
Ontario triplets, lb.	.24
Ontario stiltons, lb.	.66
Lard	
Pure Lard—Tierces, per lb.	.19
Compound, tierces, lb.	.17
Vegetables	
Beets, new, per sack	M.P.
Cabbage, per lb.	M.P.
Carrots, new, per sack	M.P.
Cauliflower, doz.	M.P.
Head Lettuce, local, crate	M.P.
Head Lettuce, Cal.	M.P.
Onions, green, doz.	M.P.
Onions, sack	3.75
Onions, imported Spanish, per crt.	6.50
Onions, Yakima Spanish (sacks), lb.	.02¼
Parsnips, per sack	M.P.
Potatoes, local, per sack	2.00
Potatoes, dry belt, White, per sack	6.10
Potatoes, dry belt, Clonie, per sack	2.40
Sweet Potatoes, lugs, per lb.	.10½
Turnips, sack	M.P.
Tomatoes, hothouse, No. 1 (scarce)	M.P.
Tomatoes, hothouse, No. 2 (scarce)	M.P.
Fruits	
Apples—McIntosh Red, Okan.	2.75
Jonathans, Okan.	2.50
Apples—Local	M.P.
Bananas, lb.	.13
Cranberries, 50-lb. boxes	10.75
Cranberries, one-third bbl. boxes	7.25
Grapefruit, Arizona	4.75
Grapefruit, Florida	4.50
Grapefruit, Cal. Sunkist	4.75
Lemons, case	6.50
Oranges—New Navels, according to size, per case	3.25 5.25
Pears, table	2.75 3.00
Grapes—	
Red Emperors, sawdust lugs	4.25
Almeria, sawdust lugs	4.75
Nuts	
Almonds, Cal., soft shell, lb.	.25
Almonds, Tarragona, lb.	.21
Brazils, large, lb.	.20
Brazils, medium, lb.	.16
Filberts, lb.	.16
Walnuts, Cal., soft shell, lb.	.25
Walnuts, Manchurian, lb.	.16½
Peanuts, roasted, lb.	.11
Peanuts, raw, lb.	.06½
Cocoanuts, doz.	1.00

SUGAR

B. C. Refinery—	
White, per hundred	7.70
Yellow, per hundred	7.00

MINERAL PRODUCTS TOTAL $205,462,000

Preliminary Estimates of Output for 1924 Show High Level for Gold, Lead and Zinc

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—The total estimated value of all mineral production in Canada during 1924 was $205,462,000, according to a preliminary estimate issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This total has only been exceeded in three previous years, 1923, 1920 and 1919. Gold, lead and zinc production all touched new high levels for 1924. The value of primary metals was $98,000,000, an advance of nearly $14,000,000 over the total for 1923.

Rumor of Another Bank Merger Not Confirmed

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—The news that another Canadian bank might cease its independent existence in the new year is not confirmed at the Department of Finance here. The Deputy Minister, J. C. Saunders, states that he has not heard anything about the rumored pending merger. The acting Minister of Finance, Hon. J. A. Robb, is out of town.

VICTORIA CLEARINGS

Victoria's total clearings for the year, announced yesterday by the Victoria Clearing House, were $108,-746,581.

For the final week of the year they were $1,480,764. For the corresponding week in 1923 the amount was $1,768,909.

Total clearings for the month of December this year were $7,895,812. In 1923 they were $8,403,308, and in 1922, $9,003,294.

SAVINGS BANKS CLOSE DOORS

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 31.—Two Des Moines banks, the Mechanics' Savings Bank and the Commercial Savings, closed their doors today and were taken over by the State Banking Department, the cause in each case being given as prospective or actual heavy withdrawals of public and private funds.

BANK CLEARINGS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Bank clearings were as follows: Week, $11,394,939; month, $68,813,190; year, $803,051,359. New Westminster, week, $480,910; month, $2,569,924; year, $30,816,486.

Canada Receives Over $8,000,000 Repayments

LONDON, Dec. 31.—New Year's Day will see big payments made to Canada through the High Commissioner's Office here. The French Government will pay off the Canadian loan of $5,500,000 tomorrow. The Belgian Government tomorrow will liquidate its loan from Canada, which totals $2,300,000. The Greek Government also on New Year's Day will pay the interest on Canada's loan to Greece, the interest amounting to $282,000.

U.S. MOTOR REGISTRATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Motor vehicle registrations in the United States for 1924 show that there is one passenger car or truck for every 6.42 persons, based on an estimated population of 114,000,000.

New Liquor Sentences

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—The first man charged in police court under the new amendments to the Liquor Act, which have increased the amount of the fines, appeared before Magistrate Shaw today in the person of William Bonner. He was fined $300, or 90 days in Okalla. L. D. White, previously remanded on a Liquor Act charge, was fined $200, or 60 days.

No suitable substitute for spruce for airplane construction has been found to date.

Vancouver Island

WOODS SEARCHED FOR MISSING MAN

THOMAS MITCHELL NOW WEEK LOST AT CUMBERLAND

Thought to Have Gone Fishing and Perished During Recent Severe Weather

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 31.—Thos. Mitchell, a former member of the clerical staff of the Canadian Collieries, has been missing from his home here for the past week. At 11 a.m. last Wednesday he left his residence on Dunsmuir Avenue and failed to return. In the afternoon of the day of his departure from his house he was seen near Bevan, but his movements after that time have been lost in mystery.

As it was a habit of Mr. Mitchell to spend much of his spare time fishing in various lakes and streams near Cumberland, little alarm was felt by his family when he was absent from home the first night. When he failed to return later, however, search parties were organized to scour the countryside in efforts to find him.

It is quite possible that the man became lost in the woods. If so, the chances of finding him alive are slim in view of the severe weather conditions of the past week.

SHIRLEY SCHOOL

When the annual Christmas tree entertainment was held in the school house at Shirley, thirty-six children and nearly fifty adults were present and a splendid programme was given by the pupils.

The programme was as follows: Game of jetters, by fourteen juniors; primary drill, by Sturdee and James Arden, Douglas and Hazel Clark and Kathleen Milligan; "King Wenceslas," by school; recitation by George Clark; monologue by Francis Arden; "Noel," by school; Dialogue, by fourteen seniors; recitation, by Evelyn Frances Arden and Vera Sullivan; "Silent Night," by school.

Then great stamping, knocking and bells were heard and jolly old Santa Claus, with his arms full of parcels, demanded admittance and showered greetings right and left as willing helpers unloaded and carried in all the presents he had brought along, while the children crowded around him and were generously dealt out gifts and bags of candy, oranges and nuts.

The children did not forget who had helped them during the year, and presented a gift each to their teacher, Miss Ferro. Rev. Mr. Lundie and Miss Clark, who conduct the church services and Sunday school respectively.

Then there was an old time bran pie for the grownups, each one dipping into a tub full of bran for a "grab," causing much merriment over the suitability of those for the bachelors.

Supper was then partaken of, and games and dancing were indulged in until 1:30 p.m. This was the first entertainment held under the auspices of the Shirley Women's Institute, and everyone hoped it would repeat many times in the future.

CHEMAINUS NEWS

CHEMAINUS, Dec. 31.—The Sunday school Christmas social and concert, held in Calvary Baptist Church last week, was a most enjoyable affair. The proceedings commenced with a one-act play, "The Birth of Christ," which was exceedingly well done. Those taking part were Oriental costumes, and the whole was very realistic. This was followed by an excellent concert by members of the choir and congregation. A delectable and substantial supper was then served to all, which was fully appreciated. This was followed by more singing and games, and everyone voted it a most enjoyable and social evening.

The quick thaw setting in last Friday spoiled the ice here to the disgust of the skaters. They had had two weeks of that enjoyable pastime, however. There was quite a heavy fall of snow Friday and Saturday, which is quickly disappearing. The water system is gradually getting back in order now. When the thaw set in many split pipes were found.

In spite of the severe cold spell, work has gone steadily forward on the construction work of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company. The planing mill is going up rapidly, the power house is near completion, old sheds are being torn down to make place for new ones, and the scene is one of unusual activity. It will be a great many months yet before everything is complete, however.

Bride-to-Be Honored

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—Some twenty friends gathered at the home of Miss Amy Gilchrist, 40 Chapel Street, last evening, and tendered her a miscellaneous shower. Miss Gilchrist is to be married on Saturday next at 12:30 in St. Paul's Church to Mr. A. Moffat. Her friends last evening presented her with many useful and pretty gifts, which were attached to a dainty Christmas tree, and presented to the prospective bride and groom, who were seated on a large white ball, by the sister of the recipient, Miss Jean Gilchrist, dressed as Santa Claus. The rooms had been decorated in green and red, and these, combined with the Christmas tree decorations, made a happy combination well in keeping with the Christmas season and wedding preparations. During the evening Mrs. Egdell rendered several solos, and other musical selections and refreshments were much enjoyed by all present.

Carol Service Held

SOOKE, Dec. 31.—Last Sunday a carol singing service was held at seven in the evening in Holy Trinity Church by Mr. Comely, who heroically braved the bad Kangaroo Road to be present. Considering the state of the weather, and the roads, there was a good attendance. The little church was prettily decorated, and the carol singing was much appreciated, Mrs. Felton presiding at the organ.

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Mrs. Griffiths, from Metchosin, helped with a solo, "See Amid the Winter Snows," as did also Miss B. Felton, with "I Was in the Winter Wild."

T.B. VETERANS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Re-elect Mr. Harrison President—Name Dominion Secretary Parliamentary Representative

The Tuberculous Veterans' Association held their general meeting Tuesday, and in view of the importance of certain correspondence received from headquarters, much interest in the procedure was manifested by the members present. The branch was called upon to name a nominee for the position of Parliamentary representative, and it was therefore necessary to select a member of the Association who would be most capable in advocating the requirements of all tuberculous veterans and dependents before the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions and Re-Establishment in connection with the forthcoming session of the Federal Legislature.

The members recalled the splendid manner in which the Dominion secretary, Comrade E. S. B. Hind, had championed the cause of the tuberculous before the Parliamentary Committee at the last Ottawa session, and therefore named him as their unanimous choice, with the Dominion president, Comrade T. M. Downing as the alternative.

A list of the names of sixty whose claims for pension, etc., had been satisfactorily adjusted through the efforts of the T.V.A. Adjustment Service were read to the meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks, and confidence in the Dominion Command was passed.

Tells of Splendid Work

President A. E. Harrison of the local branch submitted his report of the splendid work accomplished by the T.V.A. since its inception, and expressed the sincere gratitude of the Victoria unit for the generous spirit of co-operation on the part of the citizens and the public press. He also thanked the many organizations for their Christmas and New Year greetings, and the T. B. Committee (Victoria Women's Institute) for their many acts of kindness to the Association and the T. B. patients in hospital.

Comrade G. H. Sedger, Soldier Advocate, was highly complimented on his success in obtaining pension adjustments for large amounts of money in several deserving cases.

The election of officers for the next six months resulted as follows: President, Comrade Harrison; vice-president, Comrade Stock; secretary, Comrade Ballantine; Dominion representative, Comrade Smith. Five members were appointed to the executive.

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded the retiring officers of the branch, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Monday in January.

William A. Firstbrook Dead

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—William A. Firstbrook, aged 65, vice-president of Firstbrook Brothers, died here today.

Appreciates King Alfonso

MADRID, Dec. 31.—The newspaper A.B.C. has published a statement alleged to have been made by Alexander P. Moore, the American Ambassador to Spain, deprecating the accusations made against King Alfonso by Vicente Blasco Ibanes, the Spanish author. The statement also pays tribute to King Alfonso's activities during the World War.

Welsh Celebration—The Cymrodorion Society will entertain all the Welsh children in and around Victoria this evening (New Year's) in the Foresters' Hall, Broad Street. It is hoped through the generosity of the adults to give them a supper to commence not later than 6 o'clock. After which Santa Claus has promised to distribute gifts from the large Christmas tree to the children, whose names are in hand, totalling about eighty. Songs, recitations, pianoforte selections, by the children, and some selections by the Victoria Juvenile Welsh Choir, will make up the young folks' programme. The adults will finish the evening with a social time and dance. The society expects this event to eclipse all past efforts.

Radio Notes

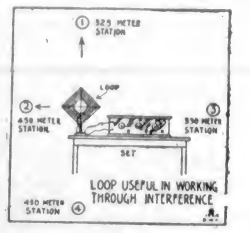
Timely Tips and Suggestions on the Latest Diagrams and Hook-ups—Simplified.

By F. M. Russell

Tuning Out Stations With a Loop

Tuning out stations by differences in wavelength or frequency only is not always practical, so the directional selectivity of a loop set is often valuable in cutting out a local station so that a distant one operating closely at the same wavelength may be heard.

The use of a loop for cutting out a local station requires a situation



such that the loop can be turned nearly at right angles to the local station not wanted and still be approximately 20 degrees or so of correct line with the desired station. If the distant station is in line with the local station, the loop cannot make the selection except on basis of differences in operating wavelength.

As shown in today's drawing, the loop is pointed toward station (2) and can be tuned thereto without hearing a local station (4) of the same wavelength. Stations (1) and (3) will also not be heard on this adjustment because of usual wavelength selection due to differences in operating frequencies.

By reference to a map you can quickly ascertain if a loop can aid you in cutting through a local station or not.—Copyright, 1924, by the S. N. L. Technical Syndicate.

TODAY'S RADIO

Programme of Principal Western Broadcasting Stations

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal. (Pacific, 469)—7:30 to 8 p.m., instrumental trio; 8 to 9 p.m., special song recital; 9 to 10 p.m., programme from Examiner Studio; 10 to 11 p.m., chorus and organ recital.

KGO, Oakland, Cal. (Pacific, 312)—4 to 5:30 p.m., Concert Orchestra of the Hotel St. Francis, Vinton la Ferrera conducting; 8 p.m., Studio programme; 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., dance programme by Henry Halstead's Orchestra and soloists, Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco.

**KGW, Portland, Ore. (Pac

The Colonist's Pictorial Page

The schooner "Ptarmigan" of the Topographical Survey of Canada is shown in the harbor at Lockhart river at the east end of Great Slave Lake

Here's introducing the leading lady, "Miss Blanche Bailey," as portrayed by J. D. Barrett of Yale University in the play the college gave in New York

Miss Betty Howlett, the twelve-year-old mayoress, has just returned to school in Leicester after undergoing her civic duties in London, where her father is the mayor of Richmond. She is the youngest mayoress in England

The Prince Regent of Japan visits the naval college at Tokio for the annual commencement exercises. H.R.H. is the second man from the front

When some irregular local police mutinied at Gardai, India, they took possession of a block house and defied the world. A small British gun, however, upset their calculations and they were captured

The society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals now has an ambulance in New York City equipped for emergency operations on dogs and other animals

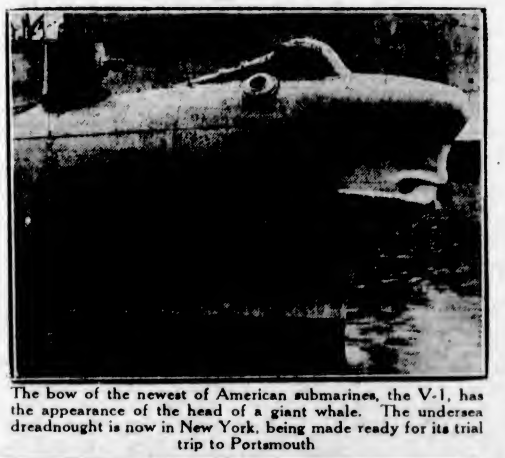
R. P. Tolman, curator of graphic arts at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, is shown reading a letter of forty-four words, which is so small it is contained in the eye of a needle

An Indian mother and child are shown resting for dinner while en route with pack horses to another part of the country. This photograph was taken in Northern Alberta by the Topographical Survey of Canada

Rupert Hughes, well-known novelist and movie director, and Elizabeth Patterson Dial, movie star, are to be married early next year, according to her relatives. This will be Hughes' third matrimonial adventure

Dr. J. H. Jeans of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, comes forward with the startling idea that there is life on the planets adjoining the sun in the same proximity as the earth

Maya, as she is known throughout Europe, the world-famous London mannequin, has secretly married Harold Baker in London, who is said to be a Canadian doing business in New York



The bow of the newest of American submarines, the V-1, has the appearance of the head of a giant whale. The undersea dreadnought is now in New York, being made ready for its trial trip to Portsmouth

Another wealthy young man has chosen a beauty from the "Follies" for his bride, the happy young woman being Mae Daw, wed to Graveraet Young Kaufman, son of Louis G. Kaufman, president of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, New York City

The Duke of Sutherland, one of the best known of England's titled men, is at Montreal, Southern France, seeking a divorce. It is reported that he will marry a prominent American girl

Here is the best women's rowing crew in France. The girls are from Saint Sernin and recently won the championship against the fastest teams in the country

Gwendolyn La Gallienne, wife of the famous violinist, Andre Polah, daughter of the celebrated poet, Richard La Gallienne, and sister of the prominent actress, Eva La Gallienne, is seeking fame in her own right as a sculptress. She is shown in her Paris studio

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We carry a complete stock, with prices to suit the most conservative. An inspection will convince you.
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Phones 2302 and 2035

MONUMENTAL WORK

J. MORTIMER & SON—Stone and Monumental work. 720 Courtney Street. Phone 4462

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DEATHS

CLARK—At his late home, 1022 View St., on December 30, 1924, Joseph Clark, aged 73 years, born in Glasgow, Scotland, and a resident of this city for the past 15 years. The late Mr. Clark is survived by one niece, Miss K. Trickey, in Victoria. The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service will be held Friday afternoon, at 2.30. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. W. Houghton wish to express their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their kind letters of sympathy and beautiful flowers sent during their sad bereavement in the death of their only boy.

COMING EVENTS 1

EAST Sooke Dance at Luzion Hall, Friday, Jan. 2nd, 8 p.m. Kinloch's Orchestra.

MILITARY 500 and dance, Conservative rooms, Campbell Building, Friday, at 8.30. First table, 4 hands; second, $6; third, $4; 10-bid, $3 scrips. Everybody welcome. Only 25c.

MRS SIMPSON reopens classes St. Mary's Hall; children, Saturday, January 3. Carnival dance, Wednesday, January 7. All pupils welcomed.

NEW Years dance, Caledonia Hall, Jan. 1st. Admission 50c. Farey's orchestra. 9-12

WANTED—MALE HELP 2

FIRST class automobile mechanic for Upland garage. State wages, etc. Box 1679, Colonist.

GROCER wanted who can invest some money in business. Apply Box 2358, Colonist, or phone 679

INTERNATIONAL Engineering School, 319 View Street, Victoria, B.C. The Home of Practical Instruction. Motor Mechanics, Battery and Ignition, Vulcanizing, RADIO. Our system of training is thoroughly practical, on all makes of Real engine and Real repairs, the Real way to learn is by actually doing the job, not reading about it. This is how we teach you in our shop, just as you will do the work in any garage. Our Students Are Successful.

Call in and see us. Look over the school and hear our terms before leaving Victoria.

LEARN wireless and travel. Complete Marconi spark and valve transmitting and late type receiving gear. Classes now forming. Telephone 23 for particulars. Sprott-Shaw School.

MAKE money at home—$1 to $2 an hour for your spare time writing showcards for us. No canvassing. We instruct and supply you with work. West-Angus Showcard Service, 68 Colborne Bldg., Toronto.

IT PAYS TO INVESTIGATE

MAKE no mistake. Join the famous Government Chartered Million Dollar National System of Practical Trade Schools and Employment Service, with branches from coast to coast. Accept no cheap substitute. Write for beautiful free catalogue. Hemphill Auto Engineering School, 61 Hastings St. E., Vancouver, B.C., or 1006 Government St., Victoria. We also want men to qualify for work as battery repairmen and ignition setters, etc.

TWO apprentices wanted to learn barbering. Small pay to start. 1208 Government Street.

TWO men wanted, small pay to start, to learn barber trade so that they can earn from $18 to $50 a week (for students are always sure of steady employment at top pay). Write or call for particulars and catalogue. 1208 Government Street.

FEMALE HELP WANTED 3

CAPABLE lady for general housework and cooking, small house in city; three adults and one child of five. State full particulars and wages expected. Apply Box 2802, Colonist.

EXPERIENCED hand ironers, laundry experience necessary; steady employment. Apply in person. New Method Laundry, 1016 North Park Street.

EXPERIENCED cook general for country home, modern conveniences, small family; highest wages; references required. P.O. Box 18, Westholme, Vancouver Island.

GIRLS wanted to learn hairdressing, hair-cutting and beauty parlor work. Small pay to start. There are plenty of good openings and big money in this trade for well-trained operators. We had more than $,000 successful last year who are now earning big money at the trade. For particulars apply Moler Beauty School, 1206 Government Street.

SPROTT-SHAW Schools — Commercial, Stenography, Secretarial, Collegiate, Preparatory, Wireless and Radio courses. Day school now open. Phone 26, or send for prospectus.

TWO girls wanted as apprentices in the Moler Beauty Shop. Small pay to start. Apply 1206 Government Street.

WANTED—Woman to help man run rooming house, Victoria or Vancouver. Box 2620, Colonist, or W. Jackson, 405 Carmen Street, after 2 p.m.

WANTED—Men and women to earn $5 to $15 weekly at home. No canvassing; experience unnecessary; distance immaterial. Particulars, be stamp. Address T. W. Chadburn, Dept. C-2, Station D., Toronto.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE 4

A WATCHMAN seeks position, town or country, sawmill, cannery or estate, carpenter, references. Reply to Box 2306, Colonist.

FRENCH polishing and hardwood finishing. Phone 52491.

HAVE your old floors grained and made like new; costs very little. Phone Redburn, c/o Y.M.C.A., for estimates.

JAPANESE boy wants housework. Box 2693, Colonist.

KALSOMINING and painting done, estimates free; satisfaction guaranteed. K. Harrati. Phone 2378X.

WANTED—Building repairs or alterations. Jobs large or small. Phone 8182R.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 5

DEMOISELLE, very good sewing, desires situation as lady's maid. Phone 4837O.

EXPERIENCED teacher, 23, wishes position in office or store. Box 2878, Colonist.

GOOD home wanted for girl 17; willing, and fond of children. Box 2668, Colonist.

HOUSEWORK, by hour or day, by reliable married woman. Box 2288, Colonist.

NURSE, disengaged, maternity or convalescent; terms moderate. Phone 981.

RELIABLE woman would like housework in plain home; small salary. Box 2647, Colonist.

REFINED young woman desires position, companion-help to lady or housekeeper, one or two gentlemen; capable, experienced. Box 2869, Colonist.

STENOGRAPHER, 10 years' experience; accurate, neat, conscientious, desires position. Phone 1118R.

EDUCATIONAL 6

B.C. DRAMATIC SCHOOL—New classes now starting January 6rd. Book soon. Phone 1201R or 4836.

CRANLEIGH HOUSE SCHOOL for Boys, The Willows, C. V. Milton, reopens Jan. 8. Phone 1106.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, Victoria, B.C.—Preparatory school for boys. Individual attention. Prospectus on application. Phone 63.

CROSBY School, Rockland Ave.—Boarding and day school for junior girls. Next term begins Jan. 13, 1925.

ENGINEERS coached for certificates. W. G. Winterburn, 221 Central Bldg.

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SPROTT-SHAW, 1816 Douglas Street—Sub Courses Commercial, Stenography, Secretarial, Radiotelegraphy, Preparatory, etc. Day school, night school. Jas. H. Beatty, managing director. Telephone 26.

THE POPLARS SCHOOL for Girls, Burdett Avenue, established 1904, reopens January 5th. Telephone 946R.

MUSIC 7

COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC won the highest honors and gained the greatest number of passes in Victoria in Summer examinations of Royal Academy. Tuition by trained teachers in Singing (Italian method), Piano, Violin, Theory, Harmony, Elocution. Pupils monthly recital. 1168 Broad St., opp. Times Building. Phone 7376.

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BANJO, MANDOLIN, GUITAR, and all stringed instruments taught by W. G. Plowright, 1116 Broad Street. Phone 1853. Res. phone 1111Y1. Hours, 1 to 9 p.m., except Saturdays.

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Principal:
MISS CLARE POWELL,
Piano, Elocution, Singing, Theory, Etc.

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ERNEST SEMPLE violinist and teacher. Phones 2647 and 3147.

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MISS M. ROBERTS, teacher of piano, organ and theory. 2626 Blackwood Avenue.

TO EXCHANGE 8

APARTMENT block, Vancouver — Price $18,000, a good revenue producer. Owner would consider good bungalow in trade, and give very reasonable terms on balance. Many other trades to pick from. Apply F. Higgs, 808 Pemberton Bldg.

CASH in exchange for old English furniture, silver plate, china, glass or brass. Box 1417, Colonist.

IF you have property you wish to exchange see Charles F. Eagles, 811 Sayward Block.

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VICTORIA—Modern 7-room house to trade for up-island general store.

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VICTORIA—Several good homes, from $4,500 to $6,000, to trade for homes in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER—Small 5-room bungalow and about 1 acre, in West Vancouver, to trade for small home, equal value, near beach here.

VICTORIA—Modern 6-room house, hot water heat, and 5 acres, with waterfront cutting; store and 3-room house at Shawnigan. Trade both on good store business, with living quarters. Various other.

For these and other good trading propositions see

DUNFORD'S LIMITED
231 Pemberton Bldg.
(F. B. Carlow, Manager)

WATERFRONT, Langford Lake—2 acres, with cottage, for sale, or exchange with house in town, value $3,000; rented last Summer, unfurnished, for $30 month. Phone owner, 7568R.

6½ ACRES of fruit land in good state of cultivation, in 2½-mile circle, on one of the best streets in Victoria. Habitable buildings, city light and water. Will trade this clear title property for 1,500 Dunsmuir mining shares. Apply Box 2674, Colonist.

DRESSMAKING 9

DRESSMAKING—Blouses, kimonos and alterations promptly done. Room 15, 707½ Yates Street.

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MISCELLANEOUS 10

ALL your trash will bring you cash, such as rags, bottles; also tools, stoves, furniture, or anything else. We call anywhere and pay best prices. Phone 6159.

ANYTHING in house repairs. Roofs repaired and tarred. Work guaranteed. Estimates free. Phone 7375, 6410L.

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FOR Sale—Timber, twenty million, Crown granted, near Victoria, accessible tidal waters. Apply Box 4, Fort Renfrew.

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SKATES hollow ground. Carver & Pon, 637 Fort.

SAFETY razor blades resharpened; razors honed and set, 25c. P. O. Box 837, Fort.

SAWS, all kinds, filed, set, gummed, etc. Phone W. Emery, 1567 Gladstone Ave.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 13

CLOTHING, FURS, ETC.

A T 931 Fort, MRS. JOWITT. Phone 2134. Bargains in ladies', gents', children's high-class discarded clothing. Gents' suits wanted; also antiques.

ALL kinds of ladies' tailoring and dressmaking done at the Famous Store, 721 Yates Street.

LADY'S hair seal coat, with natural wolf collar and cuffs, originally cost $160; just like new. Sacrifice, $202. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

THIS is just lovely. I wanted to get me something new in the way of clothing for the holidays. But I am short of cash. Now I know what I will do. I will buy my new coat (or dress, etc.), at the Famous Store, 721 Yates Street, where my credit is good when it's inconvenient to pay cash. A new line of party frocks, kimonos, sweaters just arrived.

$85 NEW, tailor-made, all-wool, dark cloth (also about 40) suit of clothes, made to order but not used. I will sell this very fine suit for $60. Can alter to fit purchaser. P. M. Linklater, Broad Street Arcade Building.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A. HICKLING'S Bargains — Trombone, $12.50; flute, $20; snare drum, $15; records, 25c; saxophone, $50. 741 Pandora Avenue.

ORGAN for sale, in good condition, and dining-room suite. 1344 Oak Bay Ave.

FURNITURE

ANTIQUE FURNITURE. Genuine old mahogany tables and chairs. BOTTEN, 817 FORT STREET.

BARGAIN—Kitchen cabinet, $12.50; sanitary lounge, with mattress, $5.50. CARTER'S 634 Hay Street, corner Government

BARGAIN—Fine white enamel dresser, with large oval mirror. Only $15.00. Oddy's, 1612 Douglas Street.

BARGAINS in good clean rugs, carpets and runners, all sizes. Carpeteria Co., 921 Fort Street.

CHEST of drawers, white, $5; F. oak pedestal table, $2.5. Tyldesley's, 749 Fort.

CHEVAL mirror, oak frame, in A1 order. Only $21. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

DINING-ROOM suite, round table, buffet, and 12 tapestry-seated solid mahogany chairs, to match, 12x; also mahogany dresser and chiffonier. White enamel dressers, chiffonier, dressing table and twin beds, with all-felt mattresses, as new. Phone 8174L.

FURNITURE of flat for sale—Suite 64, Surrey Block.

FULL-SIZE brass bed, spring and all felt mattress, in fine condition. Complete, $16.50. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

HOUSEHOLD furniture for sale—Gramophone, good brass bed, portieres, etc. Take Quadra car to Hillside, then bus to Tolmie Ave. 2220 Quadra Street.

KITCHEN comfort, with large drawers and bins, in good condition. Bargain, $5.50. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

OAK DRESSER, with large mirror, $12. CLIFTONS, Pandora and Blanshard.

OAK hall stand, with large bevelled mirror, $12.50. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

OAK Morris chair, upholstered in velour, like new. Snap, $18.50. Island Exchange, 738 Fort Street.

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SNAP—Large double-door wardrobe, with drawer. Only $11.50. Oddy's, 1612 Douglas Street.

RADIO

A SNAP—Two-tube radio set, mahogany cabinet, tubes $19. C. W. Radio Service, 716 Fort. Phone 8204.

CROSLEY No. 56, $66.50; No. 51, $43.00; sold on easy terms. Crowther Bros., 762 Yates Street.

NEW stock Burgess A. & B. Batteries just in.
SUN ELECTRIC CO.
1305 Douglas St. At Yates

RADIO batteries from $7.50. McCandless Battery Co., 623 Yates. Phone 7789.

WARREN Junior Loud speakers, $18.50. Canada Radio Supply, Ltd., 642 Fort Street. Phone 1918.

5-TUBE radio frequency set, complete. Would consider smaller set as part payment. Phone 6215L.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANTIQUES — Woollatts, The Treasure House, 1026 Fort St. Choice seasonable gifts in silver, china, etc. Phone 618.

BABY buggy, English, like new, $15. 629 Burdett Road. Phone 4618R2.

BOOM chains, logging equipment and large vise. Mack Storp, 1116 Store St.

BABY BUGGIES, cheapest in city, new and second-hand. All kinds of repairs. C. BROWN, 693 Hereward Rd., Victoria W.

BABY Carriage Exchange, 642 Fort, near Douglas. New and used carriages, all styles, lowest prices in town; repairs. Phone 4616R3.

CARPETS, every description, guaranteed clean and sterilized. Largest stock in city. See us before purchasing. Island Window and Carpet Cleaning Co., 617 Fort Street. Phone 3536.

COAL and coke, 75c per sack. Dry kindling wood, 6 boxes, $1. William Osgood. Phone 2620.

FOR Sale—1 10-ft. steel salesman, fitted for lights; 2 Empress heaters, with 40 ft. pipe, also small safe. Apply 745 Fort.

FOR Sale—A few used range bargains at B. C. Hardware, 716 Fort Street.

FOR Sale or Buy—de Maupassant, Dumas, Makers of History, First Hand Research, Gregory, Memoirs of Napoleon, etc., etc. Complete sets and new condition. 637 Fort St. Victoria.

IF you want a ¼ or ½ ton of best Wellington coal in a hurry, phone 2620. William Osgood.

FOR Sale—Wrist watches, Waltham, 15-jewel, gold case, $15; white gold wrist watches, $12.50, solid gold cuff links, $2.50; gold signet rings, $2.25; pearl earrings, $3.75; gold lockets, $4.50; solid gold brooches, $3.50; sterling silver cigarette cases, $5; silver cigar cases, $16.50; Waltham watches, 17-jewel, gold cases, $25.50; pearl necklaces, $2.75; gent's fobs, $1.75; enamel brooches, over 1,000 to choose from, at 75c; diamond rings from $12.50 to $350; boys' watches, $1.75; sterling silver wrist watches, $3.75; heavy sterling silver top military hair brushes, $12.50; gent's watch, 14-kt. demi-hunter, $23.50; solid gold English watch chains, $18; 260 gold-filled watch chains, $2.75. Jacob Aaronson, watch maker and jeweler, 581 Johnson Street, 1 doors below Government St. Phone 736.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 13 (Continued)

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1305 Douglas St. At Yates

JUST arrived—Genuine Alaska sealskins, dressed, dyed for price you pay for common Hudson seal, and have something that will last for years. F. Bone, T. N. Hibben, Government Street.

LARGE genuine Satsuma vase, perfect condition. Will take $100. Suite 3, 803 Montreal.

MAILING list of 1,460 well-to-do Vancouver residents specially prepared by reliable Vancouver authorities. Price of list, $25, which will not be sold to any two people or firms in the same line of business. If addressing only is required, our charge is $10 per thousand for supplying the names and addressing. Newton Advertising Agency, Suite 24, Winch Bldg., City.

MALLEABLE stove, range, $2 per week. Phone 4646. 1424 Floodgate Street.

PAIR of Peerless skates (without boots), never been used, $3. Apply Advt. Dept., Colonist.

RANGES sold, repaired, traded, moved, connected, cells made. Southall, 753 Fort.

100 CIRCULAR letters, including elementary, $5.00 to $12.50; following hundreds at 25c. Newton Advertising Agency, 24 Winch Bldg.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS 14

A FEW carpenter's tools, 1 set No. 2 Armstrong stocks and dies. Box 1883, Colonist.

ABSOLUTELY HIGHEST PRICES PAID for rags, bottles, tools, stoves, furniture, or anything you wish to dispose of. We sell anywhere, any time. Phone 6166.

ABSOLUTELY best prices paid for good-as-new furniture, carpets, ranges, china and silverware. Phone 7423.

DIAMONDS and old jewelry. Arrowsmith, 641 Johnson Street. Phone 726.

DON'T Hesitate—Phone Sives if you have any furniture you wish to dispose of. Our representative will call and offer current prices. Island Exchange, 738 Fort St.

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BEST PRICES PAID WE CALL
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716 FORT STREET PHONE 191

PHONE 8146—WE PAY BEST PRICES for bottles, rags, tools, stoves, furniture, or anything else you wish to dispose of. We call anywhere, any time. Try us.

RETURNED soldier buys anything, calls anywhere, any time. Pays best prices. Phone 838, night 6240L.

RAGS, bottles, furniture, old clothes, junk, etc. Best prices. Phone 2113X1.

WANTED—Second-hand redwood tanks. Geo. T. Mitchell & Son, Ltd., 1417 Broad Street. Phone 1368.

WANTED—Branston Violet Ray. Send particulars Suite 288, Sayward Bldg.

WANTED—Callo. Box 2588, Colonist.

WANTED—A mink or squirrel stole, plain style and lowest price. 7 No dealers. Box 2580, Colonist.

WANTED—English baby buggy; must be in good condition and reasonably priced. Box 2549, Colonist.

WANTED—Some good furniture for dining-room, parlor and bedroom, for cash. Box 2081, Colonist.

ROOM AND BOARD 18

ATTRACTIVE Winter rates at Parkview Lodge. Comfortable sitting-room, steam heat, home cooking. Phone 72140. 326 Douglas. Afternoon tea served.

ABERDEEN Hotel, 911 McClure—Private boarding house, steam heat, hot and cold water in rooms; white cooking. Phone 1013.

BOARD and room, near Postoffice, moderate terms. Furnace heat. Phone 4287.

BON ACCORD, 816 Princess—Room and board, home cooking, close in. Phone 4682.

CHERRYBANK — Board-residence, steam heated, moderate prices. Church Hill. Phone 7184O.

LADY can accommodate paying guests, white cooking, heated, central; garage. Phone 4501L.

ROOM and breakfast, private house, walking distance. Miss Hadwen, 1837 Camosun St.

SELECT room and board; running water in rooms; furnace. Phone 8132X.

TWO cosy suites, facing south; modern conveniences; seven minutes to Post-office; excellent home cooking. 625 Superior Street.

1050 SOUTHGATE—Select room and board, all modern conveniences, close to car, city and park. Phone 3871L.

418 MENZIES—Furnished room, b. and c. water, furnace, good board. 8188X.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED 18

BUSINESS lady wishes room and board in refined home, close in. State terms. Box 2626, Colonist.

MAN on crutches wants room on ground floor in sociable house, with board. Terms to Box 2656, Colonist.

NORMAL student wishes home for light services. Phone 4607L.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT 19

A BRIGHT room to let to business lady. Close in. Phone 7407L.

A BRIGHT, large, well-furnished room, fireplace, board optional. Fairfield. 4932Y.

BEDROOM in comfortable private home, suitable for business lady. Phone 1819L.

WANTED—WARM ROOMS

IF you want a good warm room, centrally located, at reasonable rates, try the Fairfield Hotel. Under new management. Phone 8246O.

LARGE, comfortable room, suit two, board optional, central; garage. Phone 7237R.

MONTROSE—Clean, bright rooms; some with private bath; steam heat. Rates reasonable, day or week; mogers. View and Blanshard.

RITZ HOTEL—Clean, cosy rooms, fully modern. Rates from $1. Special rates by the week. 710 Fort. Phone 81.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS TO RENT 19

BRIGHT, light housekeeping rooms, all conveniences, moderate price. 811 Burdett Avenue.

BLACKPOOL LODGE—Mrs. Potter, 812 Dallas, facing sea; no objection to children.

CLOSE IN—Furnished, unfurnished or partly furnished rooms, upstairs or down. Phone 2744R.

CLOSE James Bay Hotel. Select, warm, bed-sitting room, kitchenette, garage. Phone 6909Y.

DELHI HOTEL—Housekeeping and single rooms. 817 Yates St. Mrs. Shelton.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms, electric light, gas etc.; central position. 1212 Quadra Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, electric light, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas, elevator service, $9 to $10 per month. The Griffith Co., Ltd., Hibben-Bone Bldg. Phone 1464.

HOVE LODGE—Housekeeping rooms, children not objected to. Phone 7240O. 816 Michigan Street.

ST. HELENS, 828 Courtney St. (opposite Cathedral)—Housekeeping rooms and apartments. Rooms for transients. Phone 6461O.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS TO RENT 19 (Continued)

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WANTED TO BUY—HOUSES 40

FURNISHED 4-room bungalow, modern, near car or bus. Terms. Box 2590, Colonist.

HOUSE wanted in Oak Bay district. Must be big bargain at around $3,000. Small amount cash, balance payable monthly, with interest. House must be modern, with 5 or 3 rooms, preferably 6 rooms. Apply intended purchaser, 230 Central Bldg., Victoria.

WANTED at once—6-roomed house, modern in every way, with about two acres of land; some trees. Within radius 6 miles. All particulars first letter. Box 2649, Colonist.

ACREAGE FOR SALE 42

TIMBER (CLOSE IN)
A SACRIFICE SALE, in 6 parcels (326 acres and 116 acres adjoining), just off good roads, all down-grade haul. Great quantity of virgin timber, few branches. Total yearly lease about $90. An unlimited cordwood proposition. Also sawmill handy. 6 miles from Victoria. Instructed to ask $1,000 for 346 acres, but offer wanted for either parcel. Must be sold. Victoria Realty Co., Central Bldg. Phone 3036.

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EIGHT acres of choice land, about half cleared and cultivated; large chicken house for 500 birds, also garage. Five-room bungalow, open fireplace, bathroom, City water and telephone, on main road. Price $3,500.
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JUST UNDER 1 ACRE OF LAND—Well-assorted orchard in bearing, also small fruits, usual outbuildings, and 5-roomed modern bungalow, good basement. City light and water. Low taxes. Priced for immediate sale at $2,500.

7½ ACRES—2 to 3 acres cleared, about 1 acre in bush, balance pasture. New cottage of 4 rooms (not quite completed). Barn and stable. Several young fruit trees. Located close to paved road, 10 miles from city. School and store convenient. City light and telephone. Price $1,650.

NEW 3-ROOMED STUCCO BUNGALOW, in high part of Fairfield, beautifully finished. Rooms well proportioned and conveniently arranged. Many special features, including breakfast nook. Splendid garage, with concrete driveway. Price $6,250.

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This is one of the best values we have had on our list for some time. Let us show you this bargain.
60 acres adjoining may be leased.
$2200
MONEY TO LOAN ON FIRST MORTGAGE AT CURRENT RATES
PEMBERTON & SON
Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents
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MONEY TO LOAN 53

APPLY to Robert Grubb & Son, Mahon Building, 1113 Government Street, for money to loan on first mortgage.

AGREEMENTS for sale and mortgages purchased. Money to loan. Foot & Manzer, Barristers, Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg., Victoria.

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ACREAGE FOR RENT 50

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4-ROOMED modern bungalow, 2 acres of ground, and greenhouse with boiler. A. S. Barton, 111 Pemberton Bldg.

WANTED TO BORROW 53

WANTED—$2,500, for one year, at 8 per cent; security, 700 acres up-island, value $40,000. Box 6307, Colonist.

$5000 FOR two years at 8 per cent; good security. Box 3319, Colonist.

PERSONAL 56

WM. A. COOKSON, 799 Cave Street, Esquimalt, from this date (December 30, 1924), will no longer be responsible for any further bills or debts.

WE pay full market value for raw, seasoned furs. 300 Johnson. Phone 6679.

TIMBER BROKERS 60

LARGE and small tracts of timber, accessible to rail and water, for sale. Wise & Co., Ltd., 109 Pemberton Bldg.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of W. James Rennie, late of Victoria, British Columbia, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the late W. James Rennie, who carried on business in Victoria, B.C., under the name and style of the Rennieservice Garage, and died on the 16th day of November, 1924, at Victoria aforesaid, are required to send to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of January, 1925, a full statement of their claims and of any securities held by them, duly verified, and that after that date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims particulars of which shall then have been sent or delivered to the undersigned.

And further take notice that all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned. Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 12th day of December, 1924.

GORDON A. CAMERON,
206 Union Bank Bldg., Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Estate.

No counsel is allowed to interrupt a witness in a French criminal court.

The Returned Professional and Business Men's Association of Victoria, B.C.

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EVANS & GREEN, 1670 Dallas Road. Phone 6462X.
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FOX & MAINWARING, Pemberton Building. Phone 6011.
FINANCIAL AGENTS
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F. H. ALLWOOD, B.C.L.S., 1713 St. Ann St. Phone 7581L2.
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T. H. RENDELL, 1620 Bay Street. Phone 4576Y.
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VETERANS' PLUMBING COMPANY, Fort and Langley. Phone 6611.
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AUCTIONEERS

Instructed by the Administrator of the estate of Geo. S. Wood, we will sell on the premises of the Oak Bay Boat House, 1327 Beach Drive, on

Tuesday, 11:00 A.M.
All his

Boats, Launch, Tools, Etc.

Including: Large Launch with Lozier Engine, small Gas Engine, two good Rowboats with Sails, Iron Buoy, four sets of Block and Tackle, 1-Ton Endless Chain Pulley, 2 Snatch Blocks, Anvil, Forge, Pipe Vise, large Stationary Hand Drill, five sets of Stocks and Dies, Blacksmith Vise, Saw Vise, Pipe Cutter, House Jack, Blow Torches, Ratchet Drill, Emery Grinder, two Gas Lanterns, large assortment of Tools, Wrenches, etc.

On view Tuesday from 9 a.m.
Take Oak Bay car to terminus.

MAYNARD & SONS
Auctioneers Phone 837

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Auctioneers

Instructed, we will sell at our Salesrooms, 727-733 Pandora Avenue, on

Wednesday, 1:30 P.M.
Extra Large Consignment of

Household Furniture and Furnishings

Including Furniture for Parlor, Den, Dining-Room, Bedroom and Kitchen; Large Silent Salesman, etc. This furniture will be on view from Monday morning. Full particulars later.

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Furniture Snaps

Golden Oak Dining Set	$59.00
Tapestry Chesterfield; bargain	29.00
Sideboard, Ex. Table, 5 Diners, lot	37.50
Solid Walnut Music Cabinet	19.00
Good Gramophone, 15 Records	19.00
Buffets at $35, $23 and	18.75
Oak Sideboard, Bevel Mirror	19.00
Ex. Table, 5 Cane-Seated Chairs	19.00
Dressers, all kinds, $45 to	10.50
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ANTIQUES, Old Sheffield Plate, Crystal Glass, Water Colors and Oil Paintings by eminent masters. Large stock of new framed colored engravings. Good class English furniture. Largest stock in B.C.
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CHANGES IN STREET CAR SCHEDULES TO BE EFFECTIVE HERE

The B. C. Electric Railway's streetcar service will revert to Winter schedule tomorrow.

Speaking of the Sunday schedules it was pointed out by Mr. C. M. Tripp, general superintendent, that there will be the usual special service from 7:50 to 8:20 a.m. on the Oak Bay route, and a 20-minutes service during the rest of the day. On the Outer Wharf and Cloverdale routes there will also be the usual special service from 7:50 to 9:10 a.m. and a 20-minute service thereafter throughout the day.

There will be a 20-minute service throughout the day on Fernwood, Beacon Hill and the Gorge routes, a 15-minute service throughout the day on the Esquimalt, Hillside, Foul Bay and Uplands routes, and the usual 30-minute service all day on the Burnside and Mt. Tolmie routes.

In addition to this, special cars will be run as occasion requires during the busier periods of travel.

A complete summary of the Winter schedules will be published in the company's publication, The Buzzer, in its next issue on Monday.

Steel phonograph needles that will play from 400 to 600 records without changing are now made by a Missouri concern.

V. 2485

Livestock Auction
Victoria Public Market
Saturday at 11 A.M.

Fresh Cows, Heifers, Poultry
Young Pigs, English Bobtail Sheep Dog, Saddle, Etc.

Note.—Further entries taken up to 11 o'clock Saturday morning.
Terms Cash at Sale

McCLOY & CO.
Auctioneers Phone 1431

V. 2466

Auction Tuesday at 1:30 P.M.
At 1421 Broad Street
Of

Machinery and Tools
"THE REAL SHARPENING SHOP"
Including Safety Razor Blade Machine (cost $145), fine Sharpening Machine (cost $117), Saw Filing Machine (cost $75), Lawn Mower Sharpener (cost $65), Emery Wheel and Stand, Shafting, Belting, good Bench Tools, new Bench Vise, new and second-hand Saws, Blow Torch, Crosscut Saws, Roll-Top Desk and Sundries.

Terms cash and immediate removal.
Seen any day.

McCLOY & CO.
Auctioneers

KING'S DAUGHTERS DOING GOOD WORK

Reports Read at Meeting Show Benevolent Activities

In addition to the packing and delivery of thirteen Christmas hampers, the King's Daughters during December looked after a number of needy cases by supplying fuel and other necessities during the cold snap of a fortnight ago. These matters were reported at the meeting of the order held on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Hardie presiding. The reports showed that the rest room had been well patronized during November, that a free-will offering of $56 towards the rest room expenses had been received from girls who had patronized the place. The King's Daughters were very grateful for this quite unsolicited offering, and had sent their thanks.

Acknowledgment was made of the beautiful decorations put up for the holiday season by Miss K. Roberts and other members of the Hawthorne Circle. The Victoria Circle had made and sold home-made candy. The Salvation Army, the Friendly Help, and the B. C. Orphanage had received cash for the Christmas work. Sewing had been done for the V.O.N., the Children's Aid, the King's Daughters' Hospital, the Jubilee Hospital, and the Orpanage. The Ministering Circle had made $22 at a silver tea held in the rooms on November 28.

Reporting for the King's Daughters' Hospital at Duncan, Mrs. Hardie stated that seventy-seven patients had been treated, and that the new wing was approaching completion.

The next meeting of the order will be the annual meeting on January 14, although the anniversary of the founding of the order is to be suitably observed on January 11, the Sunday nearest the date.

MAINLAND RESENTS GOVERNMENT ACT

WANTED MAN APPOINTED FROM TERMINAL CITY

Capt. Ian Mackenzie, Fourth Member, Claims Action Is Reflection Against Metropolis of Province

Apparently the recent action of the British Columbia Government is appointing Mr. F. A. Pauline, former Speaker of the Legislature, to the office of Agent-General for British Columbia in London, England, is raising a storm of protest in Vancouver, where it is felt the appointment constitutes another Government slight of the Terminal City.

Captain Ian Mackenzie, fourth Liberal member of Vancouver, places the Terminal City protest in most concrete language in a telegram dispatched yesterday and received by Premier Oliver.

"Have just heard that you have appointed Mr. F. A. Pauline as Agent-General," says Captain Ian Mackenzie's telegram. "While not disputing Mr. Pauline's excellent personal qualities, I consider it exceedingly unwise that this appointment should be made without the slightest consultation with any of the five Vancouver members who have supported the Government.

"We have in Vancouver fifty per cent of the population of this Province. We have in this city many able business men who could represent the Province in London with credit to British Columbia and distinction to themselves.

"I therefore greatly regret the appointment of a man who knows little or nothing of the problems of this city, which is the commercial and industrial centre of our provincial life.

"Vancouver has long been neglected and this is not only a reflection on this city, but a distinct failure to consult the wishes of those who have been amongst your strongest supporters in the past."

The Vancouver Sun, in a news article published yesterday, states that disappointment is felt that the appointee is not a Vancouver man familiar with the problems of the industrial and commercial centres of the Province.

When Mr. Pauline's name was under discussion at the time of the death of Mr. F. C. Wade, the article adds, the almost universal comment heard among members of the Legislature and others was that a more forceful and energetic man was required to put British Columbia on the map in the Old Country.

It is stated that Vancouver residents view the Government's action with increased resentment because of alleged slights suffered in the past. It is recalled that bitter criticism was levelled at the Government when Dr. K. C. MacDonald, North Okanagan, was appointed Provincial Secretary instead of one of the Vancouver members. Vancouver people have contended that with half the population, their city was in all fairness entitled to Cabinet representation.

Premier Oliver refused yesterday to make any comment on Captain Mackenzie's message. "I don't see why I should say anything about the matter," he said.

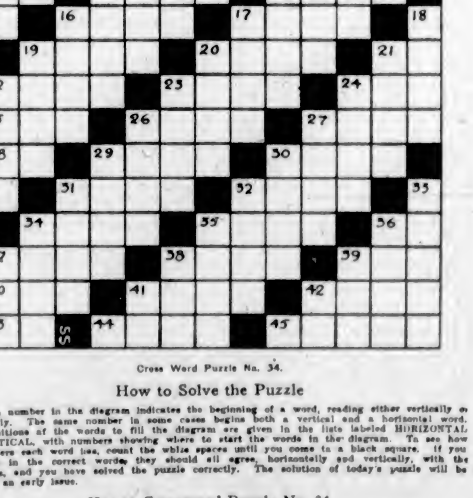
Making Sure

Barrister — How many children have you?

Man—Let's see—Tom, Bill, Nelly, Harry, —

Small Boy at back of the Court—Don't forget me, farver.

Colonist Crossword Puzzle



Cross Word Puzzle No. 34.

How to Solve the Puzzle

Each number in the diagram indicates the beginning of a word, reading either vertically or horizontally. The same number in some cases begins both a vertical and a horizontal word. The definitions of the words to fill the diagram are given in the lists labeled HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL, with numbers showing where to start the words in the diagram. To see how many letters each word has, count the white spaces until you come to a black square. If you have put in the correct words they should all agree, horizontally and vertically, with the definitions, and you have solved the puzzle correctly. The solution of today's puzzle will be shown in an early issue.

Key to Crossword Puzzle No. 34

Horizontal

1. Used by pedestrians.
4. Ditch.
7. Decoyed.
10. In the past.
11. A harbor.
12. Circle round the sun or moon.
13. Myself.
14. Front part.
15. The cheek.
16. A grain.
17. Kind of cloth.
19. Exact.
20. Narrow roadway.
21. Toward.
22. A given point.
23. Narrative.
24. Also.
25. Part of body.
26. Weed.
27. A religious recluse.
28. Lieutenant (ab.)
29. A drove.
30. A set charge.
31. Forty day fast.
32. Not any.
33. A kind of lizard.
35. To contend with.
36. An exclamation.
37. A part of the body.
38. A mineral vein.
39. The standard value of.
40. A beast of burden.
41. This spot.
42. A soft noise.
43. Regarding (ab.)
44. Surrender.
45. Joyous.

Vertical

1. Arrived.
2. A period.
3. Negative.
4. Forenoon.
5. Metal.
6. Preposition.
7. To cry aloud.
8. Each and every one.
9. To perform.
11. Minute holes in the skin.
12. Excavation.
14. Not fair.
15. A month.
16. Fill to capacity.
17. Stronger sex.
18. Gaze.
19. Injustice or injury.
20. Melted swine fat.
21. Harmonious sound.
22. Strong wind.
23. Sour.
24. Carry.
26. Canvas shelter.
27. Hair on horse's neck.
29. Cute.
30. Strong cord.
31. Sediment.
32. The plot of a drama.
33. Delay.
34. An organ of the head.
35. Inner part.
36. A musical instrument.
37. A by-product of coal.
38. Guided.
39. Young canine.
41. Pronoun.
42. A parent (ab.)

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Answer to Puzzle 33.

Quebec Farmer, Canada's Samson Picks Up Horses and Automobiles

Victor de Lamarre, of Saguenay Country, Performs Feats of Strength Never Approached—But He's Comparatively Small

By GIL O'MOURNE

THE Province of Quebec now boasts, and has boasted for some time, one of the world's strongest men, if not the strongest, Victor DeLamarre. He is a product of the Saguenay district, the descendant of pioneers who wrested farm lands and a living from the primeval forest. In him runs the blood of hunters, woodsmen, frontier farmers and coureurs de bois.

He is a small man physically, merely 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing only 154 pounds, so small in fact that he was rejected on trying to join the Montreal police force. In his street clothes he looks like any ordinary, medium-sized individual, without any special claim to strength. But stripped, he is different. Packed in his beautifully molded and developed muscles is the strength of a Samson or a Hercules.

One of the world's records which Victor DeLamarre holds at the present time, and which has never been threatened, is the feat of having raised from the ground with one hand, the left, and putting it over his head at arm's length, a dumbbell weighing 309½ pounds. This is as if he had raised in this way two medium-weight men. This feat was performed in a Montreal theatre in 1914, before 1,300 people, and was attested in an affidavit by half a dozen responsible witnesses. It smashed the previous record of 273¾ pounds, established in London by Louis Cyr.

Another of his feats is to lift a weight of 201½ pounds with his giant second finger alone. Still another is to carry strapped to his back a live horse, weighing over 1,000 pounds, twelve feet up a telegraph pole and down again.

An interesting thing about Victor DeLamarre, a thing that shows his typically Quebec atmosphere, is the fact that he is the nephew of the Abbe DeLamarre, the scholarly and saintly old man, who is director of the miracle shrine of San' Tonia, at Lac Bouchette, whose secretary is Eva Bouchard, the original of Louis Hemon's "Maria Chapdelaine."

So far as one can judge Victor DeLamarre is indeed a product of the soil of Quebec. His strength came to him naturally, and was not the result of intensive development or terrific training. He still farms 200 acres. He is now 36 years old, is married and has children. Only apparently occasionally does he leave the seclusion of his home to face the footlights and prove to the world that his great strength is unabated.

In a little book entitled "Victor DeLamarre; the Dumbbell King," a compatriot, C. de la Roche, tells the life story of the Canadian Samson, and relates remarkable stories of his strength and feats that will undoubtedly make DeLamarre a legendary figure of the backwoods and the bush, worthy to rank with the fabled Paul Bunyan.

Carries Draft Horse

When DeLamarre was fourteen he raised a piece of steel rail weighing 950 pounds from the ground to his knee. Several sturdy men of the country tried without success even to move it. At the age of fifteen he held up a load of hay until a wheel, which had come off, had been replaced. A little later he caught a two-year-old steer, which had broken loose, seized it by the neck and raised it off the ground, holding it thus until men came and tied it up. One day, when the lad was seventeen, the station master at Lac Buchette called out to him to come and help with a heavy box of implements which had to go on the train, but which he (the station master) could not move. DeLamarre came. He lifted the station master, laid him on the heavy box and then with a single, easy movement, raised the man and the box together into the train.

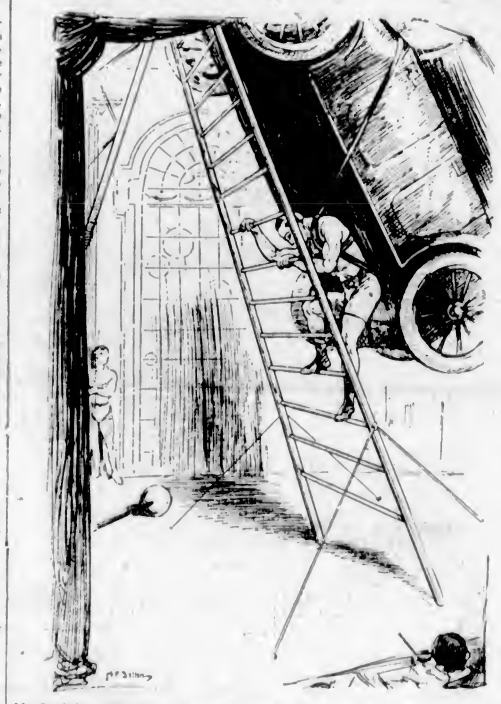
Feats like these were apparently commonplace of his youth around Lake St. John. The story of his life is filled with them. Fortunately for his fellows, DeLamarre was good tempered and slow to anger. He never used his strength in bullying or brutality, but always in feats of goodwill or utility. But, one day, a young fellow driving past in a rig called out an insulting epithet. DeLamarre said nothing. He merely ran forward, caught the rig and, exerting his strength, stopped the horse dead. Not merely that, but he began to drag the horse and rig irresistibly backwards. Presently he threw the horse, the rig and the latter's occupant into the ditch. Needless to say there were no more insults.

A little later, while a friend held the shafts and guided the plough share through the soil, Victor DeLamarre harnessed himself to the plough in place of horses and, easily, with a measured step, turned over a furrow in a field over a furlong in length. A little later still this young Samson raised on his back a draft horse weighing 1,500 pounds, or three-quarters of a ton.

But these feats of strength pale before the following exploit at La Tuque in the forest limits of the Belgo Pulp and Paper Company. One day a squad of a dozen lumbermen were traveling along the edge of the river Bostonnais, when suddenly a huge moose appeared in the trail ahead of them. All the men except DeLamarre fled in fear, for they were unarmed. But DeLamarre seized quickly an enormous stick which was luckily at hand, and awaited the onslaught of the furious animal. The latter charged DeLamarre struck him on the head, shivering his club into atoms, but stunning the brute and knocking him to the ground. Immediately DeLamarre threw himself on the moose and although the latter had recovered and was making violent efforts to rise, striking out right and left with his feet, the young athlete held him to the ground until one of his companions came up and gave the animal the coup de grace.

One day, a little later, DeLamarre was traveling on a river boat, when a cow weighing at least 600 pounds jumped overboard and was in danger of being lost. But the young Samson leaned over, grasped the cow by the horns, lifted it in a semi-circle at the end of his arms, and set it safely on its feet on board.

Having been turned down for the Montreal police force because he was too small, DeLamarre spent the Winter of 1910 in the shanties of Northern Ontario. Later, returning to Montreal, where his fame had spread in his absence, he was admitted to the police. One day a huge lieutenant put the new policeman to the test by disguising himself and pretending to steal some objects from the door of a house. DeLamarre spied him, grabbed him by the collar and in spite of his colossal size of 6 feet 4 inches, dragged him unceremoniously to the police station.



He Carried an Automobile, Weighing 2,260 lbs., Attached to His Shoulders, Up a Ladder Nineteen Feet High

Holding Up Motor Truck

He was a useful sort of policeman. One day, to the astonishment of passers-by, when something went wrong with the wheel of a motor truck, and it looked as if the traffic would be blocked for a considerable time, he held up the car until the wheel was changed by the chauffeur. The auto was said by witnesses to weigh around 5,000 pounds.

On another occasion on St. Hubert Street he stopped two runaway horses which threatened to do considerable damage, after a terrible struggle, during which he held on to them by sheer force.

It was on April 2nd, 1914, at the Theatre Arcade, Montreal, that Victor DeLamarre made his public debut and established his claim to be the strongest man in America by setting up a world's record which has never been approached since, by hoisting a dumbbell weighing 309½ pounds over his head with one hand. Later, he challenged Wilfrid Cabana, another strong man who disputed his title, to raise the same weight with his two hands.

On January 27th, 1923, DeLamarre raised on his back in a specially constructed wooden box, a horse. And hanging to the box, when it stood on his back, were 10 men. Another of his feats was to carry 35 men on a bridge on his chest while he lay on the floor.

Still another was to lie down and permit a heavy car, carrying three or four persons, to be driven across a bridge which was supported on his chest.

But even more astonishing was the occasion in the Quebec Auditorium, when he carried an automobile weighing 2,260 pounds or more than a ton, attached to his shoulders, up a ladder 19 feet high. To prove that the auto was entire and intact, it was later driven by its own power over the bridge which he supported on his chest.

An extraordinary unofficial feat of Victor DeLamarre was performed at the sacred grotto of San' Tonia at Lac Buochette. Here there was a huge stone of a weight estimated a 20,000 pounds. Its position was not right from the viewpoint of Victor's uncle, the Abbe DeLamarre. So, to please, him, Victor actually, unaided, moved this mighty rock round so that a different face appeared to the public.

One might go on repeating these examples of the might of the young French-Canadian indefinitely. The pages of the little book are filled with almost fabulous details of his Herculean feats. But enough has been to show the quality of his remarkable strength.

The secret of his enormous power must remain a secret. He was apparently born of the sturdy stock of frontier French Canada. He had one or two ancestors who were strong men, but not with the phenomenal strength which he possesses. Neither does the book make any mention that he trains or in any way keeps fit like the usual athlete.

Apparently his unusual physical strength was an unexpected gift from the gods.

Victor de Lamarre Set up a World's Record Never Approached Since When He Hoisted a Dumb-Bell Weighing 309½ lbs. Over His Head With One Hand.

The feat of moving a giant redwood tree, weighing 315 tons, in an upright position, has been accomplished by California lumbermen.

Another Feat Was to Lie Down and Permit a Heavy Car, Carrying Three or Four Persons, to Be Driven Across a Bridge Which Was Supported on His Chest.

ROTARIANS TO AID IN RADIO PROGRAMME TO BE BROADCAST TODAY

The radio programme to be broadcast by Fletcher Bros.' Music House over its station CFCT on Friday evening is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Victoria and specially attractive numbers have been arranged for the enjoyment of the "listeners in." The Rotary Club orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. George Ozard, will render several selections, both classical and popular. The Rotary Club male quartette (Messrs. Frank Shandley, Robert Webb, Herbert Kent and Frank Sehl) will be heard in fine arrangement of negro melodies. Mr. Robert Webb, Mr. Frank Sehl and Mr. James Hunter will each contribute a group of vocal solos. Mr. J. H. Beatty, popular cornetist of the orchestra, will be heard in solo selections. Mr. Percy Abell will appear on the programme with a short talk. The accompanists for the evening will be Mrs. Frank J. Sehl, Mr. George Ozard and Mr. Harry King.

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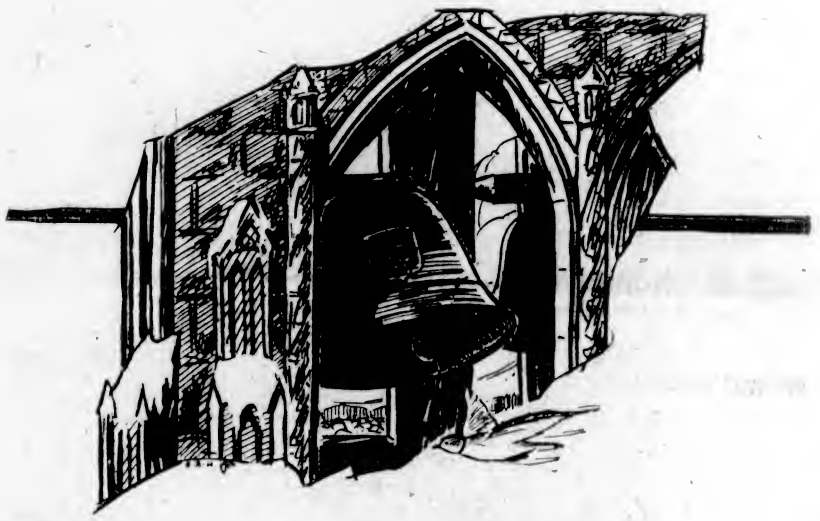

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